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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1467, July 2-8, 2009
Thu 0530 WRMI 9955
Thu 1900 WBCQ 7415
Fri 0000 WBCQ 5110-CUSB Area 51
Fri 0100 WRMI 9955
Fri 1130 WRMI 9955
Fri 1900 WBCQ 7415
Fri 2030 WWCR1 15825 [or 2029]
Sat 0800 WRMI 9955
Sat 0800 IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA 9510 [except first and second Sats]
Sat 1630 WWCR3 12160
Sun 0230 WWCR3 5070
Sun 0630 WWCR1 3215
Sun 0800 WRMI 9955
Sun 1515 WRMI 9955 [suspended, until July?]
Mon 0500 WRMI 9955
Mon 2200 WBCQ 7415
Tue 1100 WRMI 9955
Tue 1530 WRMI 9955
Tue 1900 WBCQ 7415
Wed 0500 WRMI 9955 [or new 1468 starting here?]
Wed 1530 WRMI 9955
Wed 1900 WBCQ 7415

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** ABKHAZIA. 9535, Apsua Radio, Sukhumi. In Vernacular at 0245 (new time; under REE in Spanish) // 9495, MW 1350 on 13/6. Close/down at 0300 and on the air goes on 9495, 1350 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF 2001, Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD) or put another way:

Apsua Radio (Abkhaz Radio) observed on 13 June:
0245-0300 on 9495 and 9535
0300-0530 sign-off (including R. Rossii relay 0500-0530)
1100-1125
1400-1435 own programs and 1435-1600 R. Rossii relay all on 9495 only
(0245-0315 and after 1530 also heard on MW 1350 kHz)
On 14 June Abkhaz Radio was observed 0358-0425 (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** AFGHANISTAN [and non]. LETTERS TO RADIO AZADI, INCLUDING ONE SIX METERS LONG

"Fans of Radio Free Afghanistan will write ornate letters and send them to the Kabul station, which in turn sends them over by the rice bag to Prague. According to Akbar Ayazi, director of Radio Free Afghanistan (known in-country as Radio Azadi), some 300 to 400 letters are sent their way each week. In his office he has me lift the bags and rifle through the correspondence, mostly on loose-leaf paper. I can't make sense of any of it but Ayazi tells me the listeners tell the station they are fans of the show, their likes and dislikes, and pretty much whatever else is on their minds.

And then he shows me one of the longest letters ever sent. Glued together and unscrolled, it came to about 6 meters. It was written by a 14-year-old Afghan boy and broken into sections about himself, his country, the drug problem, girls, and poetry. Radio Free Afghanistan is the most listened to of all the RFE broadcasts, with 52 percent of the market tuned-in to them (12 hours of talk, news, and music)."

Victorino Matus, The Blog, The Weekly Standard, 25 June 2009. Posted: 27 Jun 2009 (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** ALASKA. 9780 at 1256 June 29, KNLS concluding English hour with full schedule in that language, here mixing with Chinese, which is no surprise if you believe Aoki rather than HFCC, since the former includes Taiwan at 10-14 in Chinese, and consequently DentroChinese jamming. This frequency must be a total loss for KNLS in its E Asian target area, but the 1200 English is also on 7355, not checked today, tho often sufficient here at least during the first part (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. R. Tirana logs: 13625, 1430 6 June, IS, YL with ID, talk on Albanian flags, English, SIO 444 (Christopher Shorten, Norfolk)

13625, 1432 4 June, full ID and sign-on in English, SIO 454 (Steve Calver, Herts.)

13640, 1845 22 May, sign-on, frequencies, news from Albania, English, SIO 454 (Alan Roe, Msex., all BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** ALBANIA. Re 9-049, Digital: ¥¥What standard(s)?¥¥ --- In all likelyhood DVB-T. Or do they plan to scrap FM in three years and replace it by DAB? Hardly imaginable (Kai Ludwig, Germany, June 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I guess DVB-T norm in TV UHF band [200-230?] 470-862 MHz; and DAB+ norm in VHF-band III 174-198 MHz, 126 programmes on 14 multiplexed radio channels.

<http://www.broadcastpapers.com/whitepapers/DAB%20Technical%20Summary%20by%20Aaron%20Alphonso.pdf?CFID=35863854&CFTOKEN=f645167c8de2afc1-27406964-EF65-5A6B-63B47B4C990AD9B4> (Wolfgang B¸schel, BC-DX 29 June via DXLD)

** ANGOLA. 4949.7, RNA-Canal "A", Mulenvos, 2148-, 27 Jun, Portuguese, talks, unreadable due to modulation level; 25331. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Everyone, Had a quick bandscan before going to work and most Africans were coming in at great level. Most notable was Angola on 4949.757, 1800+ with FULL AUDIO. General Portuguese conversation between a man and woman, several "Radio Nacional" ID's. 30 June (David Sharp, NSW Australia, FT-950 and ICF-2001, 2014 UT June 30, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4949.83, presumed R. Nacional de Angola, Mulenvos, 2347-2358, June 30,

presumed Portuguese. Easy-listening pop ballad followed by announcer, in what sounded like Portuguese, possibly over music; wiped out by het at 2358 via 4950-AIR Srinagar s/on; very weak & very poor (Scott R. Barbour Jr., Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-545, RX-350D, MLB1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. ANT¡RTIDA, LRA 36 Radio Nacional Arc·ngel San Gabriel, Base Esperanza. Hace aproximadamente una semana que no recibo a esta emisora, que ˙ltimamente suele escucharse bastante bien. Me puso en contacto con ellos y recibÌ el siguiente mail:

ìTe cuento que desde el domingo 21 del corriente estabamos con temporal en la Base, tuvimos temperaturas de casi -60 ∫ de sensaciÛn tÈrmica y vientos que llegaron a casi 207 Km. Por hora, eso impidiÛ que toda esta semana salgamos al aire. AquÌ te envÌo una foto de la base. Saludos de todo el equipo de LRA 36î (Manuel MÈndez, Spain, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Photo like some aerials we`ve seen before; all the buildings are painted red to stand out from the snow. Quite an impressive mountainous backdrop in this one (gh, DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. Colegas. Nesse instante a RAE est· com um forte sinal esp˙rio em 6005 kHz, conforme j· comentado por outros colegas, mas hoje em 6005 khz ela se superou aqui em Feira de Santana, espalhando o sinal de 6003 atÈ 6013 kHz. Est· transmitindo um programa de m˙sica. Interessante È que em 6060 kHz, frequÍncia oficial, quase n„o se ouve nada, est· por baixo da Super R·dio Deus È Amor. 73 (Jorge Freitas, SWL1023B, Bahia, June 24 8:33 pm, dxclube pr yg via DXLD) is that timestamp UT-3? If so, 2333 UT (gh)

** ARGENTINA. 11710.64v, RAE, 0328-0340, June 24. In French; Tango music; poor-fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ASCENSION. After trolling 7100-7200 for violators, first signal I encountered was 7205, June 30 at 0556, tonal language, probably Hausa. What does PWBR `2009` say? Nothing listed. Off at 0559:30* but back on a few sex later, slightly weaker in French. Uplooked later online, it`s BBCWS, 250 kW as scheduled Hausa into French, also switching 65 to 70 degree beams which shouldn`t make much difference here or there (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. Re timezone change from UT +6 to UT +7: All domestic broadcasts are now one hour earlier. External service likely to have changed but not yet confirmed (Dave Kenny, DX News, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** BELARUS. 6040, 27.6 1500, Oblastnoye Radio %r det nya namnet som anv%nds fˆr regionals%ndningen frÂn Hrodna. Denna kv%ll ett musikprogram. 2-3 CB

6070, 22.6 1500 Radio Brest med regionals%ndning fram till 1600. Gick ovanligt bra. 2-4 CB (Christer Brunstrˆm, Sweden, SW Bulletin via DXLD) Viz.:

6040, 27.6 1500, Oblastnoye Radio is the new name used for the regional transmission from Hrodna. This night with a music programme. 2-3 CB (Christer Brunstrˆm)

6070, 22.6 1500, Radio Brest with regional transmission until 1600. Unusually good signal. 2-4 CB (Christer Brunstrˆm, Sweden, SWB, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELARUS. 7030: Radio Belorussia. Intermodulation of 2 x 7210 kHz minus 7390 kHz = 7030 kHz.
2200 UT June 28 A3E Russian, talk, music.
2200 UT June 29 A3E Russian, talk, music.
2100 UT June 30 A3E English, talk, music, ID.
(Veit Pelinski-D 40699 Erkrath DL7ET, in DARC Bandwatch June 30)

Radio Belarus im 40m-band. Auf 7030 kHz ist hier im Moment schwach Radio Belarus in English zu hoeren, um 2120 UT gab es eine ID. Das Programm laeuft \\ 7210, 7255 und 7390 kHz (laut WRTH dort in Englisch von 2000 bis 2200 UT).

Hat sich da folgendes gemischt? 2 x 7210 kHz minus 7390 kHz = 7030 kHz

Wolfgang, hat die DARC Bandwacht schon darueber berichtet? (Felix Lechte-D, A-DX June 30) (all via Wolfgang B¸schel, July 1, harmonics yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4451.2, Radio Santa Ana continues to produce a weak signal at 1138 to 1150 sign off. Off 2348 on 23 June.
4716.65, Radio Yura, Yura producing weak signal at 2345.
4781.73, Radio Tacana, not observed since 22 June.
4796.4, Radio LÌpez, Uyuni, 1000 22, 24 June.

[non], 4865, Brasil, 1017 very strong with OM religious while looking in vain for Bolivia Radio Logos. 24 June. On June 23 had weaker signal with possible Spanish at 2340, YL but too weak for any determination.

[non non]. 5580.25, Bolivia, Radio San JosÈ. San JosÈ de Chiquitos noted with fair signal 2340 to 2350 on 23 June; also 21 June [Cedar

Key & Wilkner] (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida US, June 25, NRD 535D ~ Drake R8, Noise reducing antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4409.8, Radio Eco, Reyes, Beni, 2229-2243, 23-06, canciones bolivianas. Muy dÈbil. 15321.

4451.2, Radio Santa Ana, Santa Ana del Yacuma, 2232-2246, 23-06, m˙sica boliviana, locutor, comentarios. Muy dÈbil, mejor en LSB. 15321.

4699.4, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta, 2225-2237, 23-06, locutor, comentarios. SeÒal muy dÈbil, se escucha en LSB. 14321.

4716.7, R Yatun Ayllu Yura,Yura, 2235-4438, 23-06, locutor, locutora, comentarios, espaÒol. DÈbil. 15321.

4834.8, Radio Virgen de los Remedios, Tupiza, 2306-2312, 23-06, m˙sica de flauta, locutor, espaÒol, comentarios. SeÒal muy dÈbil. 14321.

5952.5, Radio Pio XII, Siglo XX, 2215-2235, 23-06, locutor, espaÒol, comentarios, saludos a los oyentes "Les leemos la reglamentaciÛn", locutora, anuncios. Mejor en LSB. 13321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW7600G, Antena de cable, 10 metros. Escuchas realizadas en Reinante, Mar Cant·brico, provincia de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4781.8, R. Tacana, Tumupasa, 2219-, 27 Jun, Castilian, monotonous chanting; 15231.

4865, R. Logos, St™ Cruz de la Sierra, 2307-, 26 Jun, Castilian, preaching; 23341, QRM de B + CODAR.

5952.5, R. PÌo XII, Siglo XX, 2204-2214, 27 Jun, Castilian & Quechua, TCs, infos; 23331, adjacent QRM. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. R¡DIO EDUCADORA DE LIMEIRA COMPLETA 70 ANOS

Nesta segunda feira, dia 29 de junho, a R·dio Educadora de Limeira (AM 1020 kHz - e OT 2380 kHz, Limeira/SP), est· completando 70 anos no ar. Trata-se de uma das emissoras mais antigas do Brasil. Atualmente seu diretor È Caio Bortolan. J· È a terceira geraÁ„o da famÌlia a comandar a emissora. A R·dio Educadora de Limeira pode ser ouvida tambÈm pela internet no endereÁo: http://www.educadoraam.com.br
Fonte: http://www.bastidoresdoradio.com
(Marcelo Bedene, Brasil, June 29, dxcluepr yg via DXLD)

Marcelo, Gostaria que sintonizasse a QRG de 2380 kHz a partir das 20h

diariamente [UT 23] e me reporte se vocÍ consegue escutar a Educadora. Curiosidade minha, visto que a potÍncia da emissora È somente de 250 watts. … a ˙nica na faixa de 120 metros. Obrigado 73 (Luiz Chaine Neto, Limeira sp, ibid.)

OI Morato, Para mim abriu e boa idÈia sua de enviar um e-mail de parabÈns; Enviei os meus e ainda pedi que a freq¸Íncia 2.380kHz nas Ondas Tropicais seja preservada por muitos e muitos anos :-))) O e-mail informado È: bruno @ educadoraam.com.br (Marcelo Bedene, ibid.)

Amigo Luiz, a R·dio Educadora tem chegado bem pra mim aqui em Cornelio Procopio PR (py5aap morato, gg46qu, Cornelio Procopio-Pr- Br, http://www.ipernity.com/home/py5aap.morato ibid.)

Ol· Chaine. Aqui em Curitiba no meu QTH (l· em baixo no quintal) tenho escutado sim, bem fraquinha como sempre, agora ‡s 0116 UT consigo sintoniz·-la, tocando m˙sica e depois um coment·rio por locutor masculino, e hoje com bastante ruÌdo atmosfÈrico, SINPO 24222 RX Sony 2001D - antena cordoalha 15m. 73 (Marcelo Bedene, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. 2460, 2118 23/06, Segundo harmÙnico da R·dio Correio da Serra de Barbacena (2 x 1230 kHz) (Adalberto Marques de Azevedo, Barbacena MG, Brasil, Sangean ATS909, Antena: Fio Longo de 20 metros, @tividade DX June 29 via DXLD) O, this is local for him, so probably not DXable (gh)

** BRAZIL. NOVA EMISSORA EM 60M

InformaÁ„o interessante do George Cunha, BrasÌlia-DF
George 10:41 (1 hora atr·s) - Comunidade Ondas Tropicais

4885 kHz. Radio Maria, BrasÌlia [sic]. No momento, apresentaÁ„o de pregaÁ„o religiosa catÛlica, com intervalo musical e participaÁ„o de ouvintes e com oraÁıes a Nossa Senhora (061xx35628888) [what does that mean, phonumber??]. Em 28/06/09, entre 1250 e 1310 UT. Sinpo: 32332.

Em primeiro momento, pensei que se tratava da Radio Difusora Acreana ou a Radio Clube do Par·, chegando atÈ fazer contato telefÙnico com as duas emissoras. Para a minha grata surpresa È uma nova emissora em 60 metros. Pela conversa que tive com uma funcion·ria, seu sinal ainda est· em fase experimental. Fonte: http://www.orkut.com.br
73 (Marcelo Bedene, DX Clube do Paran·, June 28 via DXLD)

… uma emissora catÛlica cujo propriet·rio È a FundaÁ„o Nossa Senhora Aparecida e a localizaÁ„o do TX È em AN¡POLIS-GO, Prefixo [sic] ZYF-692, PotÍncia de 1 kW. Eis a descriÁ„o do sistema segundo ANATEL

DESCRI«√O DO SISTEMA

Nome/Raz„o Social: FUNDACAO NOSSA SENHORA APARECIDA
CNPJ: 01.127.853/0001- 51
Nome Fantasia: RADIO VOZ DO CORACAO IMACULADO - TROPICAL
Fistel: 13008001785
ServiÁo: Radiodifus„o Sonora em Onda Tropical UF: GO
Localidade: AN¡POLIS Classe:
Freq¸Íncia: 4885 kHz PotÍncia Diurna: 1 kW
PotÍncia Noturna: 212 kW [sic]
Num. EstaÁ„o: 323010130 Indicativo: ZYF692 Telefone (Sede): 000000000

CARACTERÕSTICAS T…CNICAS DE OPERA«√O DA ESTA«√O

1 - LOCALIZA«√O DA ESTA«√O TRANSMISSORA
Logradouro: BR 153 - KM 1209N N˙mero: .
Bairro: ***
Localidade: An·polis UF: GO
Latitude: 16∫ 15' 25" 00" S Longitude: 49∫ 01' 08" 00" W Cota da Base da Torre: 91,4 metros
2 - EQUIPAMENTOS DA ESTA«√O
2.1 - TRANSMISSOR PRINCIPAL 2.2 - TRANSMISSOR AUXILIAR 1 2.3 - TRANSMISSOR AUXILIAR 2
Fabricante: INDELMON IND E COM APAR ELETRONICOS LTDA Fabricante:
Fabricante: Modelo: TBI-OT-1 Modelo: *** Modelo: ***

PotÍncia OperaÁ„o: 1 kW PotÍncia OperaÁ„o: *** PotÍncia OperaÁ„o: ***
CÛdigo homologaÁ„o: 054484XXX0115 CÛdigo homologaÁ„o: CÛdigo homologaÁ„o:

3 - SISTEMA IRRADIANTE [most of the blanx unfilled in]
Tipo:
Altura da Torre: metros
N˙mero de Torres:
N˙mero de Radiais :
Comprimento dos Radiais (m):
EspaÁamento entre Radiais (graus) :

4 - CARGA TOPO
Figura GeomÈtrica: ****
Dimensıes: ****
Altura(m): ****

5 - LINHA DE TRANSMISS√O
Fabricante:
Modelo: ***
Comprimento: m
Imped,ncia: Ohms
AtenuaÁ„o: dB/100m

6 - OBSERVA«’ES: ***

7- LOCALIZA«√O DOS EST⁄’DIOS
7.1 - EST⁄’DIO PRINCIPAL 7.2 - EST⁄’DIO AUXILIAR
Logradouro: BR 153 - KM 1209 - CHACARA MIRANAPOLIS Logradouro: BR 153 - KM 1209 - CHACARA MIRANAPOLIS
N˙mero: . N˙mero: .
Bairro: *** Bairro: ***
Localidade/UF: An·polis/GO Localidade/UF: An·polis/GO

8 - HOR¡RIO DE FUNCIONAMENTO
Dia InÌcio Dia Fim Hora InÌcio Hora Fim
Domingo S·bado 04:00 21:00
(via Marcelo Bedene, dxclubepr yg via DXLD)

Not exactly new, as WRTH 2009 has this * as inactive:
GO12) F692 *4885 1 R. A Voz do CoraÁ„o Imaculado An·polis, C.P. 354, 75001-970 An·polis, http://www.immacolata.com

So was it ever on the air, and when? It`s in the former-inactive list http://www.mcdxt.it/LASWLOGS.html ---
4885 B R Voz do CoraÁao [sic] Imaculado, An·polis GO[0955-1003/2020-2327] Aug04 A PP

Which means the last report was almost 5 years ago in ConexiÛn Digital. Item 8 above indicates the schedule is Saturday and Sunday only from 0700 to 2400 UT. What marvelous frequency management by ANATEL, as if two Brazilians on 4885 were not already one too many (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Amigo Glenn, A frequÍncia da R·dio Voz do CoraÁ„o Imaculado (Ex Caraj·s) estava inativa e foi vendida Para a FundaÁ„o Nossa Senhora Aparecida, a cerca de quatro anos atr·s. Agora esta fundaÁ„o est· reativando a frequÍncia de 4885 kHz, com o nome de R·dio Maria. … um novo propriet·rio e uma outra r·dio, usando os equipamento e sÌtio emissor da anterior. Um grande abraÁo, (Adalberto Marques de Azevedo, Barbacena - Minas Gerais, July 1, radioescutas yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DXLD)

Caros Amigos, A Radio Maria tem seu estudio localizado em BrasÌlia (Taguatinga), porÈm o transmissor em OT, est· situado em Anapolis (GO). J· o transmissor de FM (94.5 MHz), est· localizado na Ceil,ndia (DF). As transmissıes em OT est„o em fase experimental, com um 1 KW de potÍncia (George Cunha, June 28, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Esta emissora foi anteriormente a R·dio Caraj·s, depois passou a ser a R·dio Voz do CoraÁ„o Imaculado, e apÛs perÌodo de inatividade foi

adquirida pela FundaÁ„o Nossa Senhora Aparecida, instituiÁ„o da Igreja CatÛlica, que a est· reativando com o nome de R·dio Maria. … muito bacana, vermos dexistas unidos em redor de um objetivo comum. Fatos como este nos alegram muito. Um grande abraÁo a todos, (Adalberto Marques de Azevedo, June 29, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, ibid.)

Caros amigos, Incentivado pelas informaÁ›es prestadas pelo Samuel Cassio, enviei um E-Mail ao Padre Reinaldo, informando as condiÁ›es e hor·rios que a R·dio Maria (4885 kHz) era captada aqui em Barbacena. N„o foi um informe de recepÁ„o, mas sim uma prestaÁ„o de informaÁ›es sobre as condiÁ›es e hor·rios que consigo capt··la.

O Padre Reinaldo, j· respondeu agradecido e informou que tanto o E-Mail do Samuel como o meu foram comunicados ao presidente do Conselho Curador, e · Presidenta da Emissora, e que no programa (em FamÌlia) que ele far· no dia 02 de julho (quinta feira ·s 1400 UT), ir· comentar com os ouvintes estas mensagens que enviamos.

Pelas informaÁ›es dele, o projeto j· existia a 4 anos, mas somente agora est· sendo efetivado, e agradeceu muito, o apoio dado pelos dexistas. Por isso, volto a incentivar a todos que captarem a emissora, enviarem mensagens ao Padre Reinaldo, no endereÁo radiomaria@... [truncated by yg]

Independente de cart›es QSLs (Creio que eles n„o conhecem isso), estaremos prestando um bom serviÁo a emissora, fornecendo detalhes de sinal e locais onde ela est· sendo captada, o que ir· ajudar tecnicamente e incentivar ainda mais esta equipe, que me parece ser nova no ramo (ao menos em OT), e este tipo de retorno ir· anim··los ainda mais.

Pela resposta, vemos que eles est„o muito entusismados e s„o ambiciosos, pois como mencionam, pretenderem ter cobertura em rede nacional. Um abraÁo a todos, (Adalberto Marques de Azevedo, Barbacena - Minas Gerais, Membro do DX Clube do Brasil http://www.ondascurtas.com June 30, radioescutas yg via DXLD) Viz.:

----- Original Message -----
From: R·dio Maria 94.5 Fm
To: Adalberto Gmail
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 3:41 PM
Subject: Re: A/C Pe. Reinaldo...

Caro Adalberto, Foi motivo de grande j˙bilo receber suas notÌcas, pois o que mais desejamos È fazer uma cobertura em rede nacional, o quanto antes, pois o projeto Radio Maria ficou meio engessado por quatro anos, mas agora Nossa Senhora est· abrindo portas e Ela tem urgÍncia de que a Boa Nova chegue a todos os cantos do mundo.

VocÍs, dexistas, com esta divulgaÁ„o de nossa frequÍncia, se tornam automaticamente mission·rios do projeto de Nossa Senhora, que È SALVAR ALMAS. Mais uma vez, o nosso muito obrigado pela sua colaboraÁ„o para com este projeto. Ja comuniquei seu e-mail e o do Samuel C·ssio ao Presidente do Conselho Curador, Dr. Irany Faria e ‡ presidente da R·dio, Srta. Janes Dur„es, ambos ficaram muito alegres pela propagaÁ„o da R·dio e com a sua colaboraÁ„o. Nesta quinta-feira, ‡s 11horas, farei um programa ao vivo, "Em FamÌlia", e levarei aos ouvintes estas noticias que vocÍs nos est„o enviando. Deus os abenÁoe. Pe. Reinaldo

----- Original Message -----
From: Adalberto Gmail
To: radiomaria@...
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 2:01 PM
Subject: A/C Pe. Reinaldo...

Caro Padre Reinaldo, AtravÈs do grande amigo Samuel C·ssio, consegui o endereÁo de E-Mail da R·dio Maria, e assim posso inform··los que a emissora, tem chegado muito bem aqui em Barbacena-MG, na frequÍncia de 4885 kHz. Eu n„o consigo capt··la na parte da manh„, mas · tarde, apÛs 1600 horas j· comeÁo a receber o sinal, que vai melhorando com o passar do tempo atÈ ficar muito satisfatÛrio por volta de 1800 horas. ApÛs as 1800 horas tanto o sinal como a qualidade de audio fica muito boa, para uma emissora de Ondas Tropicais, de 1 kW transmitindo da regi„o central do Brasil.

Ontem estive escutando a emissora atÈ cerca de 2000 horas e sÛ n„o posso informar sobre as condiÁıes de recepÁ„o apÛs isso, pois n„o tinha possibilidade de tempo para continuar escutando. A FundaÁ„o Nossa Senhora Aparecida est· de parabÈns por este magnÌfico projeto de reativar a frequÍncia de 4885 kHz em Ondas Tropicais (Adalberto Marques de Azevedo, Barbacena - MG, ibid.)

BRASIL ñ Tem nova emissora brasileira transmitindo em 60 metros! Trata-se da R·dio Maria, de BrasÌlia (DF), que est· ocupando a freq¸Íncia de 4885 kHz. Conforme George Cunha, de BrasÌlia (DF), a estaÁ„o est· fazendo testes. O George teve o trabalho de telefonar para as r·dios Cultura do Par· e Difusora Acreana para saber se as mesmas teriam alugado suas frequÍncias, o que n„o aconteceu. Sarmento Campos, do Rio de Janeiro (RJ), agrega que pode ser um canal antigo da R·dio FundaÁ„o Nossa Senhora Aparecida, de An·polis (GO).

BRASIL ñ A R·dio Clube Paranaense, de Curitiba (PR), deixou de fazer parte da Rede Eldorado. Agora, o canal em ondas mÈdias retransmite a programaÁ„o da Clube FM. Consultado por Dirceu Fioravante, de PiraÌ do Sul (PR), sobre o que ser· feito com o canal de 6040 kHz, em 49 metros, o apresentador Carlos Kleina informou que o mesmo poder· ser

adquirido pelo padre Reginaldo Manzotti, que j· È dono da R·dio Evangelizar AM 1060 kHz (CÈlio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX June 28 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4895 e 1440 kHz agora È Radio BarÈ - Manaus-AM (Ex Radio Globo)

A R·dio Globo Manaus, emissora afiliada ao Sistema Globo de R·dio, deixa de transmitir a programaÁ„o da R·dio Globo Brasil, desde 30 de maio p.p.

H· dois anos integrando a rede, a R·dio BarÈ, a mais antiga emissora de R·dio do Amazonas, abrange todo o Estado do Amazonas, por meio de duas ondas: ONDAS M…DIAS (OM) 1440 kHz e ONDAS TROPICAIS (OT) 4895 Khz.

A emissora (R·dio BarÈ), a partir de meia-noite de s·bado (30/05 p.p), passou a transmitir programaÁ„o da Rede Aleluia de ComunicaÁ„o, da Igreja Universal do Reino de Deus (IURD)

Fonte:
http://minhanoticia.ig.com.br/editoria/Brasil/2009/05/29/emissora+de+manaus+deixa+de+transmitir+programacao+da+radio+globo+6400942.html
73 (Marcelo Bedene, June 25, DX Clube do Paran·, yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. EXCLUSIVO: EMISSORAS CBN E ANHANGUERA EM OM/OT/OC MUDAM DE NOME E PROGRAMA«√O

O Jairo, um colaborador do DX Clube do Paran·, l· de An·polis-GO me passou hoje pela manh„ uma informaÁ„o de que ele n„o mais estava ouvindo a CBN Goi,nia nos 1230 kHz e sim uma programaÁ„o musical.

Entrei em contato telefÙnico com a direÁ„o artÌstica das emissoras de Goi,nia, CBN Goi,nia em 1230 kHz, CBN Anhanguera nas Ondas tropicais e curtas (4915, 6080 e 11830 kHz) e foi confirmado que vai mudar de nome e programaÁ„o. A partir de segunda feira, 29/06 as emissoras passam a identificar como : RADIO DAQUI , com uma programaÁ„o diferente que segundo esse mesmo diretor artÌstico vai dar o que falar na regi„o; aguardemos.

Ent„o em Goi,nia a R·dio CBN vai operar apenas no FM na freq¸Íncia de 97.1 MHz As emissoras est„o operando em car·ter experimental apenas tocando m˙sica e ainda sem a vinheta de identificaÁ„o. Vamos aguardar.

N„o tenho certeza se todas as freq¸Íncias em OT/OC est„o ativas ou ainda com a nova programaÁ„o mas vale a pena conferir, pois o diretor n„o soube me falar com certeza quanto as emissoras fora das Ondas MÈdias (OM),ent„o para variar as OT/OC no Brasil na sua maioria est„o

legadas a um segundo plano, ou em processo de sucateamento e desativaÁ„o. N„o sei se ainda È o caso das emissoras da Anhanguera S/A de GO, espero que n„o. Ent„o peÁo aos colegas que monitorem as frequÍncias de OT/OC da Anhanguera para acompanhar a mudanÁa;

… a danÁa das redes, pois houveram recentemente mudanÁas na Globo Macap· nos 670 kHz que deu lugar agora a CBN Manaus na mesma QRG, a Globo Manaus nos 1440 e 4895 kHz voltou a ser Radio BarÈ com uma programaÁ„o da Rede Aleluia e IURD e a Radio Educadora em Uberl,ndia-MG nos 780 kHz agora È afiliada da Rede Jovem Pan (JP)

Todas essas informaÁıes e outras saem brevemente na prÛxima publicaÁ„o de atualizaÁ„o da Lista Brasileira de Emissoras de OM/OT/OC do DX Clube do Paran· e mais uma vez agradecendo aos nossos colaboradores espalhados nos quatro cantos do Brasil que sempre me enviam novas informaÁıes. 73 (Marcelo Bedene, DX Clube do Paran· yg, http://www.dxclube.com.br June 27 via DXLD)

BRASIL ñ A R·dio CBN Anhanguera, de Goi,nia (GO), mudou de nome. A emissora agora se identifica como R·dio Daqui. A informaÁ„o È do Jairo Barbosa, de An·polis (GO). De acordo com ele, a mudanÁa tambÈm ocorre para os canais de ondas curtas de 6080 e 11735 kHz, conforme uma vinheta que est· sendo usada no ar (CÈlio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX June 28 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 9550.04, R. Boa Vontade, Pt∫ Alegre RS, 2203-2215, 26 Jun, A Voz do Brasil part 1; 24442, adjacent QRM. \\ 11895.

9819, R. 9 de Julho, S„o Paulo SP, 2122-2141, 27 Jun, religious propaganda program on the Gospel; 24332, adjacent QRM de CHINA 9820.

11895, R. Boa Vontade, Pt∫ Alegre RS, 2202-2217, 26 Jun, A Voz do Brasil part 1; 15431; \\ 9550.04. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) + plus many more Brazilian and other logs from Carlos in the dxldyg

** BRAZIL. 11815, Radio Brasil Central, Goi,nia, 1001-1015, 25-06, portuguÈs, programa de noticias "O mundo em sua casa", noticias de Brasil y del mundo, locutora, locutor. Este programa de noticias se transmite de lunes a viernes de 0700 a 0800 hora de BrasÌlia, 1000-1100 UT. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW7600G, Antena de cable, 10 metros. Escuchas realizadas en Reinante, Mar Cant·brico, provincia de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [non]. Friends. Present the final program for Radio Radio DX CVC, which closed its transmissions in OC in the next 30 days, next Friday, 26th at 18h UT, in the frequency of 15410 kHz, in the range of 19 meters. will be rerun on Saturday 27 at 12h UT, and Sunday, March

28, the 21h UTC, the same frequency.

The production and presentation of the Radio DX has always been held by members of DXClube Brazil, with technical coordination and production of journalist Celio Romais.

We believe we have achieved our purpose of spreading our hobby, the radioescuta and dexismo as well as updated information on the transmission of national and international broadcasters, provide a variety of audio surveillance, interviews covering topics of interest from listeners, technical matters relating to radio order improve the skills of listening, always listening to make their best results.

Thanks for the direction of Radio CVC, the whole team and the prestige of the hearing by listeners, and hope to have the company of you again soon, when we present the program on another station Radio DX.

All who wish may send letter to, PO Box 51, CEP 90001-970, Porto Algre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, or e-mail to dx@romais.jor.br, requesting information on the next presentation of the Radio DX. Special QSL cards sent on the latter program for everyone who send us reports of reception. For this use the addresses to which I say: Caixa Postal 51, CEP 90001-970, Porto Algre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, or e-mail to dx@romais.jor.br

On behalf of all presenters and production team of the program offer our thanks. See you soon. Good listening to all (Ulysses Galletti, Itatiba - S„o Paulo - Brasil, June 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Too late now; Ol· Ulysses, Onde pode-se escutar em linha? Isto: http://www.amantesdoradio.he.com.br/programas_dx.htm n„o atualizado desde 2008! 73, (Glenn to Ulysses, via DXLD)

Mestre Glenn, Os programas Radio DX, anteriores e o ˙ltimo, poder· ouvir no Blog do CÈilo Romais: http://blog.romais.jor.br/

Os demais, vou falar com o Renato Uliana, do Site Amantes do Radio para verificar a possibilidade de atualizar. Te informarei se isto ocorrer. Forte abraÁo do seu admirador (Ulysses Galletti, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See CHILE

** BULGARIA. Radio Bulgaria needs to update their website --- Hi Glenn, I wrote and sent (via postal mail) a reception report to Radio Bulgaria this morning. I will follow up with an e-mailed report this evening.

Passport to WB Radio also makes note of an on-line reception report to be found on their website:

http://www.bnr.bg/RadioBulgaria/Emission_English/dxreport.html - (www.bnr.bu) however, this report "framework" is over 4 years old.

It also says to receive a QSL, you need to send "3 reports in the month of January" and more, I assume, antiquated information follows.

The report I have sent via postal mail is to their P.O. Box as listened in the Passport to WB Radio and the e-mail I will send tonight is to the e-mail address also listed in the Passport.

Their website reception report is rather humorous and somewhat funny, I thought - certainly out-dated - I am going by what PWBR recommends, in this case.

If you have a chance to take a look at the above link to Radio Bulgaria's website, let me know what you think (KEVIN MOLANDER, CA, June 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That`s to become a member of their listeners` club --- three reports a month for a year, it seems, to get six cards. I assume you don`t have to go thru all that if you just want one QSL (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Ah, no - one QSL is sufficient (Kevin, ibid.)

** CANADA. 11850, YL in non-Mandarin Chinese dialect, June 25 at 1213, VG signal but with squeal ñ alternating 2 or 3 pitches, which almost seemed like exotic instrument musical accompaniment; it could be heard more clearly by tuning to the LSB, as the USB was bothered by BBC/GUF from 11860. It`s CRI in Cantonese as scheduled via Sackville during this hour. Don`t recall hearing Sackville with the squeal problem much before (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Another anomaly from Radio Canada Internal: 9515, June 29 at 1440 in Spanish and French with kids` voices, 1443 announcer identifies this as ``FrancÈs hablado para niÒos, de Radio Canad· Internacional``, texts somewhere at http://www.rcinet.ca O, here it is: http://www.radio-canada.ca/jeunesse/courslangues/

The trouble is, per RCI`s online schedules, the 1405-1505 hour is supposed to be in Russian, 7 days a week! Repeated inquiries to RCI asking for an explanation or correxion have gone unanswered.

1505 recheck found 9515 in correct language, English. Like so many American newscasters, she had no clue how to pronounce ``Manuel Zelaya`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Quick check of RCI on 9515, July 1 at 1422 found it in correct language, Russian for a change (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CBC Privatization: NEVER ! There are very good public interest reasons why MOST civilized countries like Britain, Canada, Australia, most European and Scandinavian countries, most in Asia and, yes, even the United States, maintain and support public broadcasters.

Privatization of the CBC would be unthinkable and would be stopped by millions of Canadians who would rise up and put this nasty, angry Tory Canadian federal government in its place if it ever tried it. At the moment, all it can do is start the very slow process of undermining CBC and public broadcasting ideals and values and morale by financially starving and demoralizing CBC and its employees.

But soon we will be rid of the culture-hating Tories and CBC will once again be safe. END of MESSAGE From: (Michael Bryan, Canada, June 27, ODXA yg via DXLD)

I'm with you on the first paragraph and pretty much the second paragraph. As for the last paragraph, a change of government to a Liberal government with or without a coalition partner will not necessarily increase CBC spending or even maintain current levels.

There were CBC cuts under both the ChrÈtien and Martin governments. In the days of the Martin government, Liza Frulla, the minister of heritage was exploring a 5% cut to the CBC and the NFB, before the voters of her constituency decided she needed a career change on election day.

Defenders of the CBC have to be vigilant regardless of which party is in power (Fred Waterer, Ont., ibid.)

** CANADA. CBC WINDSOR MOVING TO FM --- Now's the time to get those coveted CBC QSL cards for their AM operations in Windsor. The CBC now has CRTC approval to move both the CBEF 540 kHz French language service and the CBE 1550 English service to FM. Sources at the local CBC operation indicate that the move has been in the planning for some time and now with CRTC approval expect the move to happen soon. No exact date has been announced but this will end the CBC presence on the AM band here in the Windsor area.

To get a CBC QSL card, send your reports to:
CBC Radio Windsor
P. O. Box 1609
Windsor, Ontario
N9A 5K9
73, (Bill VE3ES Leal, Windsor, Ontario, June 24, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** CANADA. Doug's "2-bit primer on Canadian TV" is tremendously useful

here, though bits of it are drifting out of date:
http://home.earthlink.net/~w9wi/articles/canada.htm
s (Scott Fybush, WTFDA via DXLD)

A better version of Doug's Canadian TV primer --- It turns out I had an old link! Here's a newer one that's much more up-to-date...the only change is that the "CH" stations he mentions toward the end of the page are now branded as "E!" instead.
http://www.w9wi.com/articles/canada.html
s (Scott Fybush, later, ibid.)

** CANADA [and non]. Checking an erroneous report of weather info on LSB 15034, I reconfirmed that CHR Trenton is on USB: July 1 at 1333 giving weather not for Canada, but Europe, including in next few minutes Split, Ancora-Saltanella (sp? Sounds Italian), Shannon, Prestwick, with a ``Trenton Military`` ID at 1336. Text reader is much better than the one at WLO/KLB, almost sounds real, but pauses are unreal. Frequently says the word ``tempo`` but not followed by a temperature, so what means it? Looked for this also on 10 MHz band, but only found New York Radio on 10051-USB, sounding like the same voice (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It stands for temporary conditions that are expected not to last for very long. See some terminology, including tempo, becoming, etc., at
http://www.caa.govt.nz/Meteorology/How_to_Interpret_Wx_Info.htm
73, (Eike Bierwirth, CO, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

TEMPO Used to describe expected frequent, or infrequent, temporary fluctuations in the meteorological conditions, which reach or pass specified threshold values, and last for a period of less than one hour in each instance. Such fluctuations take place sufficiently infrequently for the prevailing conditions to remain those originally forecast.

Example -- TEMPO 0602/0607 --- The temporary fluctuations are expected to occur between 0200 and 0700 UT on the 6th (via DXLD)

** CAYMAN ISLANDS. Great Es to CUBA [q.v.] and the CAYMAN ISLANDS, wish it would have lasted more than a FEW MINUTES! 6/30/2009 Es

1327, 89.9, R. Cayman; ads, mention of WEST BAY, Countryside Shopping Village, Georgetown WATERFRONT, BEKIN furniture, Dorsey Drive in INDUSTRIAL PARK, ads were in an AMERICAN ACCENT, thought I had FLORIDA at first! ..."Now open in KAY-MAN" begin talk show at 1330, some guy named "STERLING", ID "Radio CAYMAN" . waiting to take your calls right now!

1336, 87.9 CAYMAN ISLANDS "PRAISE 87.9" religious-gospel music.

briefly STRONG!

1353, 100.7 Led Zeppelin/CLASSIC ROCK. 73's de Steve AB5GP (Steven Wiseblood, Boca Chica Beach, TEXAS (2 miles from the GULF of MEXICO), 25:55N 97:13:30W, Roadmaster VRCD400-SDU AM/FM$ car stereo FM-6 YAGI @ 15ft. times in CDT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHAD. 6165, RTV du Tchad, NíDjamena. Fair level signal, only African audible at my location this morning, probably because of the 250 kW now listed for this station. Frenetic group singing in Afro-style is good identification. 2040 22/6 (Charles Jones, Castle Hill NSW (FRG8800 with 80m longwire, July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** CHILE. CVC Portuguese to Brazil will continue, but only in DRM according to a report on DX Partyline (Edwin Southwell, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

? I have not heard that anywhere else, including from Brazil DX publications, which have said it`s totally closing. If they are firing all their staff, where are they still going to get two hours a day, 18-20 which has been the only DRM, on 17635-17640-17645? Misunderstanding for earlier report that would continue online only? However, CVC SW registrations have not been amended to show a stop date of 30 June.

Yes, it`s gone, no more CVC A Sua Voz in Portuguese on analog 15410, checked July 1 at 1306. Propagation was poor, but nothing there, altho Turkey was barely audible on 15450, and CVC Spanish on 17680. 15410 had been in collision with other broadcasters, but nobody cared. Now these are cleared, per EiBi and Aoki:

1115-1200 AIR Goa in Thai
1200-1257 DW Kigali in French
1300-1357 DW Kigali in Hausa
1500-1700 R. Farda Lampertheim in Persian
1730-1900 VOA Greenville in English [oops: nothing there at 1730 July 1; this was replaced by 17895 on 22 May]

However, the A Sua Voz website still exists, http://www.radiocvc.com/ which autolaunches welcome audio in Brazilian, but clicking on the live audio http://www.radiocvc.com/cvcasuavoz.asx we get Spanish instead, at 1543 mentioning today`s date July 1. The Live365 player is still labeled ASUAVOZ.

Also linx to imaginary program grid titled 2008, but the axual page says ` inverno 02` --- a bit of website updating seems called for.

The final 26-minute Radio DX program with CÈlio Romais and others is

heard with the usual upbeat enthusiasm at :
http://www.yehplay.com/musics/Romais-Ultima-Edicao-do-Programa-Radio-DX/311717/

Is CVC still on in DRM with Portuguese, or not? DRM DX schedule shows only one entry for Chile, checked July 1:
1700-2100 daily 17640 45 Brazil 15 CVC CHL Portuguese Santiago Chile
But it was last updated June 21. Can`t detect it at 1805 check, but it was never much of a signal here, and Spanish analog 17680 usward not very strong now either (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHILE [and non]. EL 1∫ DE JULIO A LAS 19 HORAS EN EL TEATRO CAMILO HENRIQUEZ, AMUN¡TEGUI 31, EL COLEGIO DE PERIODISTAS Y EL CIRCULO DE PERIODISTAS, RINDEN UN SENTIDO HOMENAJE A LA FALLECIDA LOCUTORA DE ESCUCHA CHILE, KATIA BORISOVNA OLEVSKAYA.

El prÛximo miÈrcoles 1 de julio efectuaremos en el teatro Camilo HenrÌquez, del CÌrculo de Periodistas de Santiago, un acto de recordaciÛn y homenaje a la famosa locutora Katia (Ekaterina OlÈvskaia), la voz femenina del programa "Escucha Chile" de Radio Mosc˙, que tanto se escuchaba en Chile en tiempos de la dictadura. Katia falleciÛ en mayo en Israel, donde vivÌa en los ˙ltimos aÒos. El acto lo organiza un grupo de amigos de Katia y tiene el patrocinio del CÌrculo y de los Consejos Nacional y Metropolitano del Colegio de Periodistas de Chile.

El programa incluye una filmacion en la que Katia evoca su visita a Chile de 1995 y habla del programa, un fragmento del documental sobre "Escucha Chile" realizado por el cineasta AndrÈs Daie y grabaciones con la voz de Katia y otras.

Habr· tres oradores: Gladys DÌaz, periodista, quien escuchaba el programa mientras estaba prisionera en Villa Grimaldi; Claudina N˙Òez, alcaldesa de Pedro Aguirre Cerda, oyente asidua del programa bajo la dictadura y JosÈ Miguel Varas, quien participÛ en esas emisiones desde enero de 1974 hasta septiembre de 1988 (Via Juan Franco Crespo, Spain, DXLD)

** CHINA. I received a Chinese university radio by sporadic E propagation. Chinese university radio on 70 MHz to 87 MHz of FM less than 10 W, mainly 3 Watts.

June 9 at 0703 UT on 72.1 MHz on Zhejiang University of Technology foreign language Radio station, Hongzhou, Zhejiang.
http://www.ndxc.org/imgbbs/img-box/img20090609173921.mp3

June 19 at 0325 UT on 74.3 MHz on Harbin Institute of Technology foreign language Radio station, Harbin, Heilongjiang.
http://www.ndxc.org/imgbbs/img-box/img20090619152054.mp3

June 20 at 0147 UT on 86.71 MHz on Shijiazhuang University FM station, Shijiazhuang, Hebei. QRMed UnID English reading station. http://www.ndxc.org/imgbbs/img-box/img20090620122027.mp3

June 26 at 0854 UT on 86.1 MHz on Huaiyin Institute of Technology foreign language radio station, Huaian, Jiangsu. QRMed UnID Music station. http://www.ndxc.org/imgbbs/img-box/img20090626200147.mp3

RX: ICOM R9000 & R7100 (built-in 110 kHz IF filter); ANT: ALA1530+ (Seiichi Hasegawa, Japan, NDXC, June 27, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So China uses the `Japanese` FM band only for such low-power stations? (gh, DXLD)

** CHINA. 6043, Voice of Shangri-La. Site unknown. First heard on 3/6 with pleasant sounding Asian song at 1023 with muffled announcements. Subsequent loggings on 8/6 and 12/6 heard songs and Chinese announcements but no ID, then, on 18/6, unknown Asian language until 1100, then an EE ID ìThis is the Voice of Shangri-Laî, then into Chinese! ID heard at this time again on 23/6 (Dennis Allen, Milperra NSW (Icom R75, Realistic DX160, Dipole), July Australian DX News WORLD OF RADIO 1467, via DXLD) Nei Menggu PBS? ñcs (Craig Seager, ADXN ed.)

Surely PBS Yunnan, spur of 6035 as frequently reported in DXLD, most recently 9-049; but the Shangri-La bit is new. Can Ron Howard hear that English segment? (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DXLD)

** CHINA. Schedules: Haixia zhi sheng (Voice of Strait)

News channel 2230-1600 (ex. 2225-1700)
9505 kHz (not Wed. 0400-0955)
Focus on China in English at 1500-1525 Sunday only.

Entertainment 2230-1600 (ex. 2225-1700)
7280 kHz (not Wed. 0400-1000)

Amoy channel 2230-1600 (ex. 2225-1700)
6115 kHz (not Wed. 0400-1000)

China Huayi Broadcast Corporation-CHBC
2230-1500 107.1 FM, 6185 to 1300, 873 MW (ex. 2230-1700)
(not Wed. 0400-1000) de Hiroshi
(S. Hasegawa, NDXC, June 27, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[earlier:] 6185, CHBC (presumed), 1253-1300*, June 26. In Chinese;

phone conversation; ads; pips and off. Recently have heard them during this time period, so they must have added one hour to their schedule here, but am unable to confirm that they switch to 4830 at 1300 (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. What is up with PBS Nei Menggu? Believe 7105 is their primary frequency, but recently have also been hearing them on 7095 (fair), 7115 (fair) and on June 29 even heard 7125 (weak), at 1338; all parallel. 7095 and 7125 seem to be new. So are there really three spurs? Dan Sheedy has also recently heard them on 7095, 7105 and 7115 (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E5, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also INTERNATIONAL

** CHINA [and non]. Firedrake scan 7100 thru 19000, 1236-1254 June 25.

No FD on: 8400, 9000, 13970, 14420, 15150 nor 17470.

FD in parallel on 13500 (fair), 15600 (fair-poor) and 15720 (fair-poor).

New FD on 7215 (non-parallel) with a strong signal; 1300* and did not return again; *1300 CRI sign-on in Japanese.

Assume it was SOH I was actually hearing in Chinese, in parallel, on 8400 and 9000, randomly from 1236 to 1254.

At 1310 FD was noted on 8400 (good) and 9000 (good). (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake check June 25: at 1222, nothing audible on 8400 or 9000 but at 1331, both very poorly audible. At 1242, very poor on 13500 only but gone at 1338 recheck.

However, the CNR1 jammers were doing much better. At 1238 kid singing off-key (on key in Chinese terms?) on 11840, poor but in the clear, unlike on // 11825, 11805 and 11785 where it just happened to collide with Western broadcasts in Chinese! Also on 12040, 13830. 11825 mix had a ``Voice of America`` singing ID in English at 1232.

So could 11840 be a legitimate CNR1 frequency? Of course not! Per Aoki, It`s there to jam All India Radio`s Chinese service, altho inaudible here.

Firedrake at 1242 on June 26, all parallel: 8400 (good), 9000 (good), 14420 (poor) and 15600 (fair). (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake check June 26: before 1300 barely audible on 9000; at 1305, very poor on 14420, nothing on 13500, 13970 or any others of the usuals.

Firedrake check June 27: at 1319 just barely audible on 8400, 9000; at 1320 JBA on 14420; at 1321 poor on 13970, but significantly better than the others.

Firedrake check June 29: at 1310, fair on 13970, nothing on 13500 or 14420; at 1214 JBA on 8400, trace? on 9000.

Firedrake check June 30: at 1313 fair on 13970, unheard on any higher frequency; at 1331 very poor on 8400, not 9000 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Chinese Firedrake jammer at 1630 UT June 30 on 13500.00, S=7-8 (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, June 30, dxldyg via DXLD)

ChiCom jamming check July 1: at 1300, Firedrake very poor on 13970 just as it was pausing into open carrier for a pentaminute. At 1311, FD fair on 15150, poor on 14420, while CNR1 collision with BBC Chinese via Singapore was plenty strong on 15285. Just tuned in 17705 with CNR1 // 15285 as it was going off at 1315* --- that matches exactly the All India Radio Chinese service at 1145-1315 on 17705. At 1317 FD on 17500, poor. That`s a Sound of Hope frequency, per Aoki. Then I heard one Chinese station on 17515 at 1317, // 15285, so CNR1. This is jamming BBC Uzbek via Cyprus at 1300-1330 only. At 1427 on 15285 I was well hearing only one station in Chinese with song, presumably CNR1. At 1428 found VG signal from Firedrake on 15780, during drums-only passage. Aoki, EiBi and WRTH A09 update have nothing on 15780, so we can only guess it`s another Sound of Hope tempojump (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. Re 9-049: ¥¥Stations in the past which have not been jammed are now blocked such as the Chinese service of Radio France International.¥¥

--- Which means that for the first time they jam the shortwave broadcasts of a station that maintains an airtime exchange with CRI. How about Radio Canada Internal in Chinese, is it still left in the clear or do they jam it now as well? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, June 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. 5910, Marfil Estereo, Lomalinda, 2249-2302, 23-06, canciones latinoamericanas, identificaciÛn: "Cinco de la tarde con cincuenta minutos en Marfil EstÈreo", locutora. 34333.

TambiÈn 0536-0655, 25-06, canciones latinoamericanas, identificaciÛn:

"Est·n escuchando Marfil EstÈreo, Ondas de Paz", "La hora en Marfil EstÈreo, la una de la maÒana con diecisiete minutos; est·n escuchando Ondas de Paz", "Marfil EstÈreo, en el corazÛn del Meta". 44444.

6010, La Voz de Tu Conciencia, Lomalinda, 0449-0500, 24-06, comentario religioso, locutor habitual, identificaciÛn: "La Voz de Tu Conciencia". A partir de las 0500 eclipsada por Radio Nederland que comienza transmisiÛn en 6015 en holandÈs. 23222.

TambiÈn 0621-0716, 25-05, locutor habitual traduciendo textos religiosos del inglÈs. "La palabra de Dios para todos los hombres", "Una bendiciÛn para todos". SeÒal fuerte hoy, pero a partir de las 0655 se comienza a debilitar (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW7600G, Antena de cable, 10 metros. Escuchas realizadas en Reinante, Mar Cant·brico, provincia de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. RADIO SUTATENZA: DE LA REALIDAD A LA UTOPÕA
Interesante material sobre la recordada R Sutatenza:
http://www.comminit.com/en/node/150016
TambiÈn se puede leer en el novedoso sistema de publicacones online de
http://issuu.com/kikillo/docs/081124_radio_sutatenza_-_colombia_-_comminit.com_
(Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, Noticias DX yg via DXLD)

** CONGO DR. 6209.9, Mon + Fri 18-2007 UT. Hallo Nils, ich hatte die Radio Kahuzi Frequenz letztes Jahr monatelang abgehoert und immer nur Montag und Freitag von ca. 18 UT bis zum Sendeschluss zwischen 2007-2008 UT Signale aus dem Kongo hoeren. Diese Sendetage bestaetigte mir der Sender dann Monate spaeter auch. Erkennungszeichen von Radio Kahuzi ist die Frequenz: 6209.9, nie 6210 kHz.

Dort sitzen die von Martin erwaehnten Mischprodukte [Griechenland --- gh], die teilweise auch so schwach sind das man sie gern mit dem Kongo-Signal verwechseln kann (Christoph Ratzer, Austria OE2CRM, June 28, http://www.a-dx.at http://www.internet-radio.at via BCDX June 29 via DXLD)

6209.9. Radio Kahuzi Congo extension, all weekdays 0530-2007 UT confirmed --- Martin Elbe DD9MW reports in A-DX:

Radio Kahuzi Congo DPR now all weekdays on air to 2007 UT, (ex Mon + Fri) 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, July 1, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[A-DX] Sendeplanerweiterung bei Radio Kahuzi best%tigt

Moin, gestern sendete Radio Kahuzi bis 2011 UT; ich habe Richard McDonald angemailt und gefragt, ob das jetzt eine dauernde

Sendeplanerweiterung sei. Wie bekannt, ging es ja bislang nur Montag und Freitag bis kurz nach 2000 UT.

Seine Antwort ist, daſl das jetzt f¸r jeden Wochentag gilt:

Richard McDonald: "We appreciate your confirmation, as we have just now sent you the list of changes to our schedule : beginning all week days at 5:30 UTC in French, and 16:30 to 20:00, in Swahili, English and French."

Danach dann noch zwei Hymnen, das macht dann etwa 2007 UT als Sendeschluſlzeit. Die Fr¸hsendung geht bis 0700 UT, auch wenn 0530 schon etwas zu sp%t f¸r uns ist, kˆnnte das bei k¸rzer werdenden Tagen eine interessante Mˆglichkeit sein.

Die aufgef¸hrten Englisch- und Franzˆsischsendungen sind meistens Live¸bernahmen des VoA-Satellitenfeeds, die Swahilisendungen werden aufgezeichnet und um einen Tag versetzt abgestrahlt. Zur Mittagszeit ¸bernimmt Radio Kahuzi nochmal eine Stunde VoA, aber das ist hier ja eh nicht hˆrbar.

Weiterhin gilt <radiokahuzi @ sbcglobal.net> als Adresse f¸r das B¸ro in den USA, Richard selbst ist vor Ort in Bukavu unter der Adresse <radiokahuzi @ gmail.com> zu erreichen.

Oder postalisch via Postfachadresse in Ruanda,
Richard McDonald, Radio Kahuzi, B.P. 42, Cyangugu, Rwanda, Africa.

-- Tsch¸fl, (Martin Elbe, A-DX, http://home.wolfsburg.de/elbe/ via B¸schel, ibid.)

** COSTA RICA. RADIO NACIONAL INICIAR¡ SUS PRIMERAS EMISIONES EN DIGITAL DESDE COSTA RICA --- 26/6/2009 - 23:11(GMT)

San JosÈ, 26 jun (ACAN-EFE)- Radio Nacional de EspaÒa (RNE) realizar·a partir del prÛximo aÒo sus primeras retransmisiones vÌa digital en su base en Costa Rica, desde donde emite su seÒal para AmÈrica, confirmÛ hoy a Acan-Efe una fuente de la emisora.

El director de medios y emisiones de RNE, Miguel ¡ngel Coleto, indicÛ que se planea realizar, en los prÛximos seis meses, las primeras pruebas en unos de los cuatro transmisores que hay ubicados en la localidad de Cariari, en el Caribe costarricense, concretamente el que emite para AmÈrica del Norte.

Coleto asegurÛ que la emisiÛn digital "mejora la calidad del sonido" y evita que factores externos a la emisiÛn, como "los clim·ticos u orogr·fico, la perjudiquen".

El centro de Cariari, una estaciÛn que retransmite la programaciÛn exterior de RNE elaborada en Madrid, tiene su hermana gemela en Noblejas (Toledo), donde hay una planta que ofrece el mismo servicio en inglÈs, francÈs y espaÒol para el resto del mundo.

Coleto explicÛ que desde Noblejas ya se han empezado a realizar "exitosamente" las primeras pruebas en digital y "ya se emite una programaciÛn de cuatro horas diarias en Europa Central".

RNE lleva 19 aÒos en Costa Rica y retransmite para casi todo el continente americano, desde Chile hasta Estados Unidos.

El corresponsal de RNE en Costa Rica, Fran Sevilla, explicÛ a Acan-Efe que en el momento de construcciÛn del centro (1991) se eligiÛ a Costa Rica porque "era el ˙nico paÌs de la ·rea que no estaba en guerra y adem·s tiene una ubicaciÛn privilegiada en el centro del continente" y la localidad de Cariari porquÈ es una zona llana, sin montaÒas, lo que favorece a la propagaciÛn de la emisiÛn.

La estaciÛn, de 22 hect·reas, tiene un total de cinco antenas, una receptora, que recibe la informaciÛn de EspaÒa vÌa satÈlite, y cuatro de emisiÛn, que rebotan el servicio de RNE a toda la regiÛn en onda corta, seÒalÛ Sevilla.

El periodista, quien el aÒo pasado ganÛ el premio Rey de EspaÒa precisamente por su trabajo en la radio, detallÛ que el coste mensual de la estaciÛn es de unos 30.000 euros, la mayorÌa de los cuales se destinan al consumo elÈctrico.

El ingeniero Edgar Esquivel, director de la estaciÛn, detallÛ que el centro transmite programaciÛn durante 12 horas diarias en tres horarios diferentes, durante la maÒana, el mediodÌa y la noche.

Esquivel seÒalÛ que cada antena pertenece a una ·rea geogr·fica distinta y en cada zona se transmite en una hora diferente, asÌ pues durante todo el dÌa se emite en Estados Unidos, MÈxico, CentroamÈrica y el Caribe.

Durante el dÌa tambiÈn se transmite para Colombia, Venezuela y Brasil y en la noche para Per˙, Bolivia, Ecuador, el norte de Argentina y Chile.

La estaciÛn costarricense fue inaugurada oficialmente el 18 de abril de 1991 en un acto presidido por los Reyes de EspaÒa y el entonces presidente de Costa Rica, Rafael ¡ngel

Fuente: CalderÛn. ACAN-EFE ns/nda//hma Terra/EFE

(via Yimber Gaviria, Editor Noticias de la Radio
http://yimber-gaviria.blogspot.com Visite el blog para mas noticias,
WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Says the Cariari relay will start digital transmissions to North America next year. What kind of digital? Not specified but safe to assume it`s DRM, like Noblejas is doing for a few hours a day. Some other interesting background info therein; such as that they have four transmitters, altho we never hear more than three frequencies at once. One must be a backup, or in rotation. Also says the site Cariari is in the Caribbean area of Costa Rica, so we look it up; not right on the coast but in the NE part of the country rather than the center near San JosÈ (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA [non]. 7375, 0839 7 June, Caribbean Beacon via CR (presumed). Copying very weak talk, SIO 251 (Steve Calver, Herts., July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

?! This facility has been off the air for a couple years, as anyone paying attention to DXLD would know. Furthermore it was never the Caribbean Beacon --- that`s the name of the extant Anguilla facility under same ownership, University Network = DGS/PMS, both of which were/are 24/7 relays of Los ¡ngeles.

The only thing in Aoki and EiBi now on 7375 during the 0800 hour is BBC in Turkish via Cyprus, Sundays only, and 7 June was a Sunday! That is what one should presume (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Great Es to CUBA and the CAYMAN ISLANDS [q.v.], wish it would have lasted more than a FEW MINUTES! 6/30/2009 Es

1257, 94.1 CMBQ Havana, R. Enciclopedia, W in Spanish discussing musical themes in MOVIES; "R. Enciclopedia", CMBQ, de La Habana CUBA, Instrumental filler music, 1300 mambo
1304, 91.9 Two stations here: M in SP w/anmts, musica ROMANTICA
1306, 91.9 musica salsa, W in SP mention of CUBA
1310, 93.5 W in SP, musica salsa/romantica (Steven Wiseblood, Boca Chica Beach, TEXAS (2 miles from the GULF of MEXICO), 25:55N 97:13:30W, Roadmaster VRCD400-SDU AM/FM$ car stereo FM-6 YAGI @ 15ft. times in CDT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 11700, Radio Habana Cuba, 2300. Programa con seÒal de identificaciÛn y m˙sica tÌpica de Cuba, con orquestas tropicales. SINPO: 33333.

11760, Radio Nacional de Venezuela, 1202. Programa con seÒal de identificaciÛn, indicaron participantes de las transmisiones en locuciÛn y estudios, y siguieron con lectura de noticias. SINPO: 22222

(Patricio De los RÌos, Cerro Sombrero, Tierra del Fuego, June Boletin Escuchas del Mundo, Chile, via DXLD)

Logs in this quarterly bulletin have dates deleted! Perhaps he did not have with him a receiver featuring accurate readout, and his logs from home are often on approximate frequencies, altho his other logs here look OK. Neither of these fits with known schedules. RHC at 2300 might have been heard on 11690, while at 1200, RNV is supposed to be on 11705, with 11760 bearing RHC itself, tho that could have been a feed mixup. When reporting something that doesn`t jibe, one should make note of that so people don`t wonder whether the captor or emitter is upmixed (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. RHC observed on 11770 at 2058-2030 [sic] in Spanish and from 2030 in Arabic. A change from listed 11750 (Edwin Southwell, England, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Not exactly. 11770 was ex-11820 which collided with Saudi Arabia, as discussed extensively in DXLD a couple months ago; 11810 was ex-11750 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. Hardly a day goes by without some self-inflicted discrepancy at RHC, and there were several June 27: at 1250 during PreLa`s week in review, continuous rapid audio breakup amounting to a crackle on 9600, while no such problem on // 11760.

At 1304 I found exactly the same on 13680, no doubt the same transmitter moved up from 9600. 13760 and 13780 no problem, but the leapfrog on 13880 also had the breakup. By 1350 the crackle on 13680 had upcleared.

At 1322, the reverse leapfrog on 13580 was about as strong as R. Prague in English making it unlistenable.

At 1317 found audio on 11760 somewhat rough like a lo-quality internet feed, but not breaking up, in report about a Cuban aid brigade in Cop·n, Honduras.

At 1335 noticed that 13760, by far weaker than 13680 and 13780 from different site, had an echo when the signal faded briefly. That could either be long-path, or receiver overload cross mod from nearby 13780. 13760 also suffers from co-channel audio, SAH from VOK in English underneath, Commies vs Commies.

Sunday June 28 at 1307, big open carrier on 12010, presumably RHC warming up for the 1400 Sunday-only AlÛ Presidente broadcast; regular RHC same time on 12000, this time atop Russia. Next check at 1318, 12010 was off.

But at 1418 recheck, none of the A,P frequencies were on the air; however, 13760 had separate programming from much stronger 13780 et al. This is abnormal. A,P normally shows up on 13750 Sunday mornings only. Nothing heard either on 11690, 13680 or 17750, the other three regular A,P channels. 13760 was discussing the coup in Honduras, arrest of Pres. Zelaya. Still going with that at 1446.

Did not check again until 1600, and now instead of 13760, 13750 is on with very strong signal, but not AlÛ, Presidente. Announcer was giving e-mail tmpides@rhc.cu asking for Hondurans to confirm they are hearing the broadcast. I am not sure of the correct spelling of that address!

Then resumed special Mesa Redonda Informativa in progress about Honduras, so now I check the other frequencies normally used for AlÛ, Presidente: 13750 is // 17750; an echo apart // also on 12010 and 13680. Maybe also on 11690 but buried in noise level.

Radio Habana Cuba con emisiÛn especial para Honduras, el domingo 28 de junio alrededor de las 1600 TU, mejor en 13750, tambiÈn en 17750, 13680, 12010, frecuencias habituales de AlÛ, Presidente cuando funciona Ch·vez.

Further RHC observations Sunday June 28:

The DentroCubans are convinced the CIA --- now Obama`s CIA --- is behind the coup, immediately drawing parallels with Guatemala and Chile. Geez, give the Rep˙blica Bananera de Honduras some credit for being able to stage its own coups without the US necessarily being involved! That`s what Manuel Zelaya gets for trying to reform the constitution so he could remain president-for-life, ‡ la Hugo Ch·vez. So he lands in Costa Rica --- wonder if the ex-University for Peace, converted into a university for war, had anything to do with it?

At 1655 UT the Mesa Redonda adjourned for lunch, to resume at 2 pm (1800 UT), music fill until 13750 went off without further announcement at 1700. Since it`s a domestic radio/TV program, RHC may or may not resume the SW relay at a time when it is not normally on the air at all, but check the usual suspect frequencies.

At 1818 UT, we find all three A,P frequencies back on, now with Hugo Ch·vez talking about the Honduran situation: 17750 with 1.2 Hz SAH generally atop WYFR, 13750 somewhat better, also audible on 13680, 12010, 11690. These leftists would not be so outraged if the oustee were a right-winger. I wonder how long this broadcast will be prolonged under the circumstances as it`s usually upwrapping about now.

Maybe it was live or maybe it was a clip of Ch·vez, but by 1840 his voice was replaced by someone in Cuba, and at 1842 the RHC announcer listed frequencies 9600, 13750, 5965, 6180, 15360. Not in order, fading in and out on 13750, so I may have missed something. Then at 1847 I checked, and did hear it on 9600 and 15360, but still on the original 5 too; not expected to be audible here at midday on 49m, and it was not, at least not on the portable in the yard. Looks like RHC is pulling out all the stops for this special event, so we`ll see if regular external languages get disrupted this afternoon and evening too.

Announcer also plugged TV coverage streaming at http://www.cubavision.cubaweb.cu/ which when I checked a bit later had mostly frozen or jerky video, but the audio was OK altho very low level. Bug for CV in the upper left, TeleSur in the upper right. Running about a sesquiminute behind SW.

At 2008 both on RHC and CV, a live press conference with Zelaya from the San JosÈ airport was on.

At 2020 checked all the SW frequencies again: per http://www.radiohc.cu/espanol/c_frecuencia/frecuencias.htm at 2000-2030, RHC French is supposed to be on 11760, 5965 and Portuguese on 11770, but both were missing.

In fact, 11770 was not even on the air, 11760 was in Spanish, and 5965 too weak to copy. However, 6180 could be detected now in Spanish. In the meantime since last check, 9600 was also off the air, as were 13680 and 13760.

The special coverage in Spanish was still audible on 17750, 15360, 13750, 12010, 11800, 11760, 6180. RNV 2000 relay was on as usual 17705.

At 2041, when the press conference was over, and TV coverage switched to yelling crowds, 13750 cut to RHC IS and ID, and local announcer, summarizing events, mentioning that Mesa Redonda was still running on domestic radio and TV, and went in and out of that from time to time.

SW check at 2044 to see if 2030 RHC English on 17660 has survived the coup in Honduras: no, it`s in Spanish too, weakly audible. Reconfirmed // 17750, 15360, 13750, 11800, 11760. 11770 still AWOL, and I assume the strong signal on 13750 is that transmitter. 12010 is also off now. Note that 15360 and 13750 are normally used only in the morning hours.

No SWBC from Honduras, of course {in the daytime above 90m, I mean, and those are only gospel huxters}, but has anyone been getting live audio or video streaming from there? There were reports earlier that

communications had been disrupted. [see also HONDURAS!]

It is quite amusing to hear calls for the rule of democracy in Honduras, from Cuba, a country where there never has been any such thing since the Revolution by force a semi-century ago. Democracy is just great if that can get you into power legitimately, but never give it up voluntarily. [WORLD OF RADIO 1467]

Had enough of checking this for a while, but did so again at 2348, mainly to see if the 2300 English broadcast on 13790 had also been blown off. Yes! 13790 not on the air, and 13750 instead still on in Spanish with Honduras special, along with 15360, 11800 and 9600. Nothing on 11690 or 11760. Did not take time to track all possible frequencies.

When I said ``no SWBC from Honduras``, I was referring to anything audible in the daytime above 90 meters. The only two active SW stations on 3250v and 3340 are both gospel-huxters, so it`s doubtful they would dare say anything or take sides, much less be in a position to broadcast any real news of the world today rather than yesterday and tomorrow.

RHC observations June 29:

At 1307, 13760 again with echo audible during fades, but this was just after much stronger 13780 came on, and did not hear any echoes before it did, so I conclude this is indeed receiver overload cross-modulation, and not long-path; besides, conditions are quite poor for LP to be happening.

At 1316, 6000 which nominally runs until 1400, was open carrier with a trace of modulation while the DRM roar from RA Brandon, Australia, 5995 was much louder, despite supposedly being only 10 kW at 5 degrees, two hours after sunrise here.

At 1450 the news as usual on 13780, nothing on 13750 like the day before, so suspected RHC was back to normal scheduling in day two of the Honduran coup.

But once again the usual 5-hour siesta from 1500 is broken. At 1510 found VG signal on 13680, obviously on the antenna aimed usward, with hum and Honduran special coverage in Spanish, ``for the truth at first hand``. It seems the military, the oligarchy and the media are now getting the blame rather than the CIA, since Secretary of State Clinton did denounce the coup yesterday, but suspicions no doubt remain.

This led me to tune carefully for any and all other RHC frequencies

that might be active; just as I intuned 11760 it dumped off the air at 1512*. Rechecked at 1518 it was back on with a stronger signal, so apparently switched transmitters/antennas in the break. But audio was cutting on and off, mostly off, and when on was barely audible. 1522 check seemed OK.

Also detected with // programming but much weaker signals were 11800, 13760 and 6000, all an echo apart from 13680. Tried 15360 and found a very weak signal, from something else. Also a trace on 17750, couldn`t be sure it was RHC. 13680 had a semi-minute transmitter failure until *1526.

So it looks like another long day of coup coverage, much of it originating from Bolivarian Venezuela, asserting solidarity. The only other Cuban frequency I found was 11680 with usual RNV relay in the 15-16 hour.

Is there anything on the RHC website about these special transmissions with times and frequencies? Not that I can find; must be quite ad-hoc and not identical to usage the day before, altho there is plenty about Honduras, such as:

``La Habana, 29 jun (RHC) CubavisiÛn, el Canal Educativo, CubavisiÛn Internacional, Radio Rebelde y Radio Habana Cuba transmitir·n hoy, desde las cinco de la tarde, la mesa redonda informativa Condena internacional al golpe de Estado en Honduras, con informaciones y an·lisis sobre los acontecimientos en el hermano paÌs centroamericano y la repulsa mundial al golpe contra el presidente Manuel Zelaya.``

So there will be a Round Table special Monday at 2100 UT on RHC and all the other radio and TV networks, an earlier sesquihour than usual 2230; WTFK?

Kept listening to 13680, and at 1603 IS, ID and frequency announcement:
13680, San Francisco
11760, Chicago
11800, AmÈrica Central
11690, Caribe
 6000, Nueva York
13760, Buenos Aires
The only additional one is 11690 so I check and hear that weakly too. What a bold move, broadcasting to New York midday on 6 MHz; is it making it that far by brute force against the absorption?

Rechecked RHC at 2127 UT June 29 for the publicized Mesa Redonda show to have started at 2100. The special M.R.-only frequency 9640 was on the air but now // many of the regulars, 11770, 11800, 13760, 13790;

while 11760 was in ID, 2030 opening French. Could not tell if 17660 was on or not.

RHC does it again: wrong language Portuguese in the middle of the night, June 30 at 0553 on 6140. This time the other three 49m channels, 6060, 6010 and 6000 were in correct English, or rather // music at the time.

A quick check of all RHC frequencies 9-18 MHz at 1510 UT found only one on the air, 13760, mentioning a pending press conference, unlike the last two days with extended transmissions on several frequencies because of the Honduran coup. But more may show up later as antennas and transmitters are rejiggered (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RHC well represented on the 49m band, 0704-0724 + 0826, July 1. In Spanish; talking about Honduras; speech given mentioning Nicaragua and Ortega; all parallel: 6000, 6010, 6060 and 6140 (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Before 0700 UT I heard 6140 in English (as usual) // 11760. At that time 6000 and 6140 were in Spanish. I couldn't hear RHC or any other on 6010 (Noel R. Green, England, July 1, ibid.)

Plenty of RHC discrepancies to report July 1:

At 0601, Spanish on 11760 // 6000 instead of correct English, which was going on 6010, 6060 and 6140. We have come to expect Portuguese instead, but Spanish will have to do.

At 1253, found RHC on new 11800 // 11760, sounds like Ch·vez talking about golpistas. 11800 is distorted and replaces 12000, leaving VOR Chinese service in the clear (except for a bit of CODAR). We have been reporting the 12000 collision since A-09 began, and Arnie finally notices and does something about it. 11800 is of course a known RHC frequency but until now only in the afternoons at 20-23. It appears to be clear of co-channel in the mornings, altho squeezed by ChiCom jamming on 11805. Per Aoki, 11800 was available, except for Bulgaria until 1130 and CNR2 until 1200. Recheck at 1326, 11800 still going with stronger signal but much weaker than 11760. 12000 was supposedly aimed at New York, so 11800 too? At 1423, 11800 had improved to S9+10 and now I could tell it was very undermodulated, plus distorted.

I made a point of copying the out-of-order frequency announcement by Antonio at 1404 on strongest 13780: ``15120, 15360, 13760, 13680, 13780, 11760, 12000, 6000 y audio real``. 11800 was still on instead of 12000. Hey, Arnie, when you make a frequency change, you should insist the announcers correct their listings, and the webmaster too.

At 1420 I made a final bandscan of 49 meters to see if anything was still making it two sesquihours after sunrise, and found another anomaly: RHC was running 5965 // 11760 during Voces de la RevoluciÛn, hoary Fidel fragment; 5965 is another frequency used at other times but not on the schedule in the mornings. In fact it was the strongest signal on the band, the only other one of any consequence being an open carrier (or very undermodulated) on 6000, no doubt another RHC leftover, supposed to close at 1400 despite its always being included on the 1400+ frequency announcement.

Have any of these amendments been made at http://www.radiohc.cu/espanol/c_frecuencia/frecuencias.htm ---? Altho automatically displaying today`s date, July 1, of course not! Still shows 12000 at 11-15; with 11800 and 5965 only after 2000.

Note: these particular observations above concern regular broadcast hours, not any temporary extensions on behalf of Pres. Zelaya.

However, a quick check at 1630, one sesquihour after normal 1500*, found three frequencies still running with obsessive Honduran coverage, 11760, 11800 and best by far 13760. Ditto at 1730 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15360.0, 0020-0023 29/6, Radio Havana, (Spanish), falas de OMs, com entrevista a convidado (embaixador de Honduras). 45444.

13760.0, 0036-0039 29/6, Radio Havana, (Spanish) falas de OM, ref. Honduras. 25322 (Antonio Laurentino Garcia, Jo„o Pessoa - PB, Brasil, HI22nu, R·dio IC R1500 - Antenas: 730-V1a e 3DX3, HCDX via DXLD) Special on much later than usual on these frequencies (gh)

** CUBA. RADIO CUBANA ACTIVA SU RED ANTE GOLPE DE ESTADO EN HONDURAS
Por Yuzaima Cardona, Directora de InformaciÛn Nacional Radio Cubana

El Sistema de la Radio Cubana mantiene activa su red informativa, los 53 sitios Web y el audio real de las emisoras nacionales y la internacional Radio Habana Cuba, para repudiar el secuestro del Presidente hondureÒo, Manuel Zelaya, acaecido en horas de la madrugada de este domingo, y los sucesos que han desencadenado la inconstitucionalidad de la manera m·s brutal en la hermana naciÛn centroamericana.

El car·cter criminal de este Golpe de Estado se denuncia en la programaciÛn alternativa especial que transmite Radio Rebelde, cuya frecuencia se capta por banda tropical en los 5 mil 25 Kilohertz y tiene presencia en Internet a partir del audio real ubicado en la direcciÛn electrÛnica http://www.radiorebelde.cu que ahora mismo se

encadena con esta mesa redonda especial.

Nuestra emisora internacional Radio Habana Cuba tambiÈn revela al mundo los pormenores del acontecer en Honduras y la repulsa a estos hechos anti-democr·ticos, desde sus frecuencias de los 11760 Kilohertz, banda de 25 metros; los 5965 Kilohertz, banda de 40 y 9 [sic] metros; los 15360 banda de 19 metros y por los 13760 [sic], banda de 22 metros.

Estos despachos informativos pueden captarse adem·s por el audio audio real de Radio Habana Cuba en la direcciÛn electrÛnica http://www.radiohc.cu

Radio Reloj se suma con su peculiar sonido a la red de redes tambiÈn en audio real en la p·gina www.radioreloj.cu/notiweb, y mantiene un amplio servicio informativo en la direcciÛn electrÛnica http://www.nnc.cubaweb.cu

Fuente: Portal de la Radio Cubana en Internet http://www.radiocubana.cu/noticias/junio_09/ radio_cubana_activa_su_red_ante_golpe_de_estado_en_honduras2809.asp

(via Yimber GavirÌa, editor NOTICIAS DE LA RADIO, 0041 UT June 29, http://yimber-gaviria.blogspot.com DXLD)

** CUBA [non]. It isn't surprising that the NSA doesn't bother with the numbers stations any more. After all, the transmitter sites are pretty well known to them, there's no way to track recipients, and the messages themselves are presumed to be in some bulletproof one-time pad. I would think HF comms in general are pretty secure these days, with the NSA dismantling most of their elephant cages (Chicksands, Credenhill, Clark AB, that place in Italy, and that other place near Udorn, though there still seems to be one near Augsburg) and shifting their effort to sat links and optic-fiber; you do your best business on main street, especially when it's machine-sortable digital. Towards the end, even the Myers were using email with some sort of goofy word code (Chuck Albertson, Seattle, Wash., June 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CYPRUS TURKISH. (Northern). 6150.03, R Bayrak, June 30, 0211-0229. Nonstop US oldies by Cher, Del Shannon, Roy Orbison, Gene Vincent, slightly off frequency which is clear after Budapest off 0200. No ID but choice of music and awful audio leave no doubt it's them (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CZECHIA. Dear Glenn, While surfing the Internet I stumbled upon a site that features of the photo gallery of Litomysl - Pohodli SW transmitter site. The link is: http://marek.mrak.cz/links.html And I'm so glad to share this finding with other DXers. I was hunting for

these pictures quite a long time. Sincerely, (Lev Lytovchenko, June 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Specifically http://mara.mrak.cz/rs_litomysl/ (gh, DXLD)

** EAST TURKISTAN. (Karamay TV transmitter) 65 MHz via E skip! Hi Glenn, we had a big opening to North West Russia early today 49-77 MHz and in an almost carbon copy of 2004, while I was listening to E-Euro TV sound on 65.75, a TV carrier faded up on the frequency at 0906. It was quite strong at times (I eventually measured it as 65.749.974).

During the peak of reception there was very weak FM slush audible on 72.25 in usb mode; a little later a much weaker carrier appeared on 57.750.011 with a very slight but distinctive wobble. 65.75 stayed in until at least 0925 UT, the 57 MHz a little longer but everything had gone by 0948 (Tim Bucknall, Congleton, N/W England, Icom IC-R9500 + 5 element ant on rooftop rotator, June 29, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

65.75 MHz = channel C3 video. I guess pinning it on Karamay is possible by someone having measured the precise offset. Tim filed a more complete report elsewhere: (gh, DXLD)

China TV via Es into UK 0915 UT. 65.749.988 fairly stable carrier strongest - slight FM slush on 72.25. 57.750.011 slight wobble - suddenly noticed during opening to north Russia. Tried phoning some UK DXers, but no one home! This is almost a carbon copy of the 2004 opening except I haven't heard Kazakhstan. 65.75 appeared first and was strongest but is now quite weak.

0926 UT: 65.749.974 (latest measurement- presumed, Karamay E. Turkistan) has gone completely. 57.75.011 still hanging on

Tim Bucknall, 2009/6/29, Icom R9500 etc

Don't forget to check out the ICDX web site for TV/Radio sites, ICDX TV/FM DX news, DX Articles, TV DX from holiday locations, 'Out and About' and 'Bytes & Bits' archive computer tips articles, The TV/FM DX FAQ, TV/Radio History (Australia/NZ) and historical sites.
-go to http://www.geocities.com/icdx_australia/index.html
We are also now on Myspace at the following URL:
http://www.myspace.com/icdx_australia
(ICDX yg via Curtis Sadowski, WTFDA via DXLD)

Tim, Very good. Do you have the distance? And how do you know it`s Karamay, by the precise offset referenced somewhere? (Glenn to Tim, viad DXLD)

Hi Glenn, according to http://fmlist.org it`s 5972 km. They also have

a transmitter list with offsets. The weaker 57.750 is more of a mystery since they don't list a tx on this channel in ET; the nearest one listed is some ridiculous distance but I think it`s more likely that there is actually an unlisted tx in ET (Tim Bucknall, England, June 30, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6 megameters = triple hop at least, maybe quadruple. My atlas shows Karamay as quite a small place NW of Ur¸mqi, in the extreme NW corner of ``China``, about halfway between Almaty and the Mongolian border (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EAST TURKISTAN. China: CRI in English, 9470 at 0105z June 30 with 500 kW at 308 to Europe, in the middle of the night no less. A special night owl broadcast for insomniacs? All daylight path over the pole via Kashi (although Aoki lists Ur¸mqi). Kashi's azimuth to central Texas is 354 so much less than 500 kW aimed my way, over 7500 miles. Ur¸mqi only 300 miles closer (Jerry Lenamon, Waco TX, EtÛn E-1, sloper, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Rather aimed at KAZ + RUS, is like 0500 a.m. local summer time in Moscow? 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

** ECUADOR. 3279.79, La Voz del Napo, Tena, 0948 to 1005 with excellent signal, YL with interesting percussion orientated music. Ecuador is almost directly south of our QTH and produces some surprising signals. Good synchro locks on this emisora and 3320 [?], less good on 4814.9. June 22 (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida US, June 25, NRD 535D ~ Drake R8, Noise reducing antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EL SALVADOR. 89.7 DX Log: see HONDURAS [and non]

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA ECUATORIAL. 15190, Radio Africa, 0653-0715, 24-06, inglÈs, religioso: "Radio Africa inspiration program", locutor, e-mail: radioafrica @ myway.com "Thank you for listening to Radio Africa". 35333 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW7600G, Antena de cable, 10 metros. Escuchas realizadas en Reinante, Mar Cant·brico, provincia de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. ConfirmaÁ„o de escuta Radio Bata, GuinÈ Equatorial --- Caros amigos, Recebida hoje, 01/07/2009, carta confirmatÛria da R·dio Bata, GuinÈ Equatorial, em resposta a Informe de RecepÁ„o enviado por carta em marÁo/2009.

Carta QSL datada de 21 de maio de 2009 e assinada por Juli·n Esono Ela, apresentador do programa "Cartas del oyente". Acompanha a carta um bonito cart„o postal figurando o Rio Wele.

Esta foi a confirmaÁ„o de uma escuta realizada por mim na vizinha cidade litor,nea de Jaguaruna/SC em 22/02/2009, ‡s 2112 UT, na frequÍncia de 5005 kHz. Muito interessante È um trecho da carta, no qual o apresentador nos fala algo a respeito da prÛpria emissora:

"Radio Bata es de marca SW-50 de fabricaciÛn china, con una potencia de 5.000 Kw [em desacordo com a lista AOKI?] y su antena es omnidireccional. Tiene una estaciÛn de televisiÛn. Yo soy presentador del programa "Cartas del Oyente" en Radio Bata, por lo cual me gustarÌa volver a recibir sus cartas para leerlas en mi programa que presento todos los domingos a las 21 horas, hora local de Bata."

TambÈm È curioso perceber que, enquanto a lista AOKI denomina a emissora como "RN Guinea Ecuatorial", a prÛpria emissora se denomina "Radio Bata". EndereÁo:
Radio Bata, Apartado 749, Rep˙blica de Guinea Ecuatorial

Fortes 73's! (Fabricio Andrade Silva, Tubar„o - SC, Antena Loop Blindada, Sony ICF 7600 GR, July 1, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. ETIOPÕA, 9560, Radio Ethiopia, Addis Abeba, 1650-1705, 23-06, canciones africanas, canciones en inglÈs. IdentificaciÛn a las 1658 por locutora: "Radio Ethiopia, P. O. Box..., Ethiopia". A las 1700 programa en francÈs, locutor, locutora, identificaciÛn y noticias. 23322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW7600G, Antena de cable, 10 metros. Escuchas realizadas en Reinante, Mar Cant·brico, provincia de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9559.77v, R. Ethiopia, 1430-1455, June 28. In Arabic, playing Middle Eastern type music/songs; fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See INTERNATIONAL

** ETHIOPIA [and non]. Re Radio Ethiopia causes interference on new 7 MHz segment ---

RSGB News --- If you regularly listen into the new 7100-7200 kHz range in the evening hours, then you may have noticed some interference. Starting 1630 UT and lasting about one hour, you will find on 7165 kHz, or sometimes on 7175, a powerful wideband rushing noise, which is some 15 kHz wide. Also very faintly you can hear the carrier of a program below the jammer. The culprit is Radio Ethiopia. It is jamming Voice of the Broad Masses from Eritrea on 7165 kHz.

Ethiopia also regularly jams other transmissions in Amharic, for example Deutsche Welle, on 15 and 11 MHz. The jamming uses a rectangular white noise signal that is some 10 to 16 kHz wide. In 2008 Ethiopia commissioned 3 or 4 new transmitters, some of which are regularly used for jamming unwanted programmes. To see a screen shot

of the jamming signal, check out the IRY Region 1 website.
http://www.rsgb.org/news/0003.php
(via Mike Terry, June 8, dxldyg via DXLD) see also INTERNATIONAL

That story was 2+ weeks ago; seems this week`s stories only are linked now. Is there a news archive behind the members-only area? And what`s IRY? A typo for ITU? That`s where the screenshot allegedly resides anyway, maybe reachable despite RSGB. Glenn Hauser, June 25, ibid.)

Glenn, forget the ITU regards bandwatch matter. Is a toothless tiger.
http://www.iarums-r1.org/iarums/news2009/news0905.pdf
http://www.iarums-r1.org/
http://www.iarums-r1.org/iarums/latest.pdf

RSGB text [via ? G4BOH ? - Chris] is the very same [wb] text item source of IARU bandwatch, - we discussed that matter with Wolf, Uli and the German Frequency Control in past two months.

We had the big bandwatch lecture [with 40 participants] today morning on the German HAM RADIO fair at Friedrichshafen, which had already up to 20.000 ham interested visitors on 3 days on last June weekend, held as every year since 1948 (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

As far as I'm concerned, some hams are causing major interference to regular broadcasts of R. Ethiopia. Addis Ababa has been using those frequencies for years now.

I'm not sure how closely Ethiopia is envolved with ITU. But if ITU wants this rather poor country to move to new frequencies, the international body should be ready to underwrite such a costly switch. Also, ITU should look for good, interference-free frequencies for R. Ethiopia (Sergei S., Russia, June 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sergei, Ethiopia is not a poor country and a switch to other frequencies above 7.2 MHz is not costly. They purchased {4?} new transmitter, supposedly Made in China as Continental plagiarism two years ago. The Ethiopians also jammed successfully DWL Amharic and several opposition broadcasters.

The one and only aim is to counter broadcasts from Eritrea. They are 'full of hate' against their neighbour. Once the much poorer Eritreans would go out the 7.1-7.2 MHz segment, the Ethiopians would follow immediately.

From yesterday Bandwatch lecture at HAM RADIO fair: "The Ethiopians use most modern gear and volitional interference by hams on co-channel will be useless in the target." 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

Thanks, Wolfgang! Sadly, the situation with freedom of speech is very appalling in both Eritrea and Ethiopia. I certainly don't condone any jamming activities by either party. But if Ethiopians are mostly concerned with jamming Eritreans than perhaps hams should pressure Asmara.

Personally I enjoyed Ethiopian SW broadcasts during my visits to Egypt. Lots of beautiful music! But then I don't understand what they are talking about in between the songs. Their English service finally started reaching Moscow - thanks to a much cleared band.

If the Ethiopian transmitters came from China than most likely they were given and installed for "free" (meaning, in exchange for natural resources exploration rights or something like that). The Ethiopian may be lacking expertise for changing the frequencies.

Maybe ITU should consider formally giving this band segment to African broadcasters. There are a few of them there. Or ITU has to provide sufficient financing and technical support for such a switch. It was a rather arbitrary decision after all. 73, (Sergei S., Russia, ibid.)

Hmm, my humble opinion of these broadcasters still operating on the 7100-7200 portion. I guess Ethiopia could easily afford the shift of their 7110 and 7165 transmissions to other frequencies, but they don't care. Same thing for Eritrea 7175 and their clanny switch to 7165.

Hargeisa 7145 may have problems to move further up if they use Elcor fixed fq gear, I guess. Guinea 7125 may have problems to make fq shift or just unwilling to pay the costs. Voice of Korea 7100 of course uses whatever freq they want. Belarus 7135 seems to be active as of writing this. And of course the Chinese echo on 7130 (or thereabouts). These observed recently during UT afternoon/evening in Finland. 73, (Jari Savolainen, ibid.)

** ETHIOPIA [and non]. 11760, 1600 14 June, V. of Oromiya Liberation Front via Wertachtal, YL, music, jammed, SIO 433 (Alan Roe, Middlesex, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** FINLAND. 11689.9, Scandinavian Weekend Radio, 5 June 2225 pop, Tricky Trev, English, SIO 242. 6 June: 2035 in vernacular, SIO 232 (Alan Pennington, England) 2045 in Finnish, English ID, sign-off 2059, SIO 232 (Dave Kenny, BDXC-UK Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DXLD) I.e. the start and the end of the 24 hour broadcast from 2100 UT June 5. Both report it on this off-frequency, which might be helpful in tracking it further afield. Next should be this week, July 3-4 (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DXLD)

** FRANCE [non]. 13640, RFI via GUIANA FRENCH, VG June 25 at 1134 with YL reciting MÈtÈo Marine info; she is a real human, not a computer or robot! Wonder if marine weather is exempt from strike. Next check 1142, already back to Musique. Presumably continued to 1230 instead of Spanish, and off the air after 1230 unlike some other occasions (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. RFI RECORD-BREAKING STRIKE CONTINUES --- June 23, 2009 RFI
http://www.rfi.fr/actuen/articles/114/article_4082.asp

The strike at Radio France Internationale was in its seventh week on Tuesday and staff voted again to continue. At issue is the cutting of about 20 per cent ofthe total number of about 1,000 jobs Talks have been deadlocked, and part of the dispute is playing out in the law courts.

The next court judgement is due on Thursday. It will determine whether or not the management's reform and restructuring plan can go ahead in its present form, or whether they will be legally obliged to return to the drawing board as most of the unions demand.

After a series of volleying in Parisian law courts over the past six weeks, most of RFI's broadcasts are still off air. It's the longest strike among French public-service broadcasters since 1968.

Management and most of the trade unions representing jobs across-the-board, have failed to come to agreement.

One union, which represents journalists, technical staff and administrative workers has agreed a severance package with management. However, the unions say they are determined that no staff member shall be sacked.

The employees who attended a union meeting on Tuesday voted to keep the strike going while waiting for the latest legal decision (via Mike Terry, June 25, dxldyg via DXLD)

Re: ``Some new material at http://rfiriposte.wordpress.com looks interesting, but right now I have no time to check it out in detail.``

In short, no real news. It seems that some decision by some court can be expected on Monday, after it was earlier announced already for Thursday. But otherwise the situation appears to be deadlocked, with RFI management just not caring for those voting and voting and voting and voting, unanimously of course.

Meanwhile this is described as the longest strike in French broadcasting since 1968. Would perhaps be interesting to dig into

history and find out what happened at ORTF back then (Kai Ludwig, Germany, June 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Today it has been ruled that RFI's works committee got sufficient informations about the social plan. Thus this plan, i.e. the cancellation of 206 job posts, can come into force.

Now the next step of the works committee will be to attack the plannings itself instead of the proceedings, i.e. they will sue for the cancellation of this social plan.

http://www.france-info.com/spip.php?article312237&theme=9&sous_theme=44
http://www.lemonde.fr/web/depeches/0,14-0,39-39721254@7-58,0.html
http://www.lejdd.fr/cmc/media/200927/l-affrontement-se-poursuit-a-rfi_224084.html

Message of the labor unions to the minister of culture: Tuesday will be the fiftieth day of the strike, all negotiations are deadlocked, we ask you for a mediator.

http://rfiriposte.wordpress.com/2009/06/29/mardi-30-50eme-jour-de-greve/
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, June 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE [and non]. WITH RFI ON STRIKE, AFRICAN LISTENERS MIGRATE TO BBC FRENCH

"A l'occasion de cette grËve marathon, les auditeurs africains dÈcouvrent ou redÈcouvrent ´radio Londresª. La BBC qui s'est dotÈe ces derniËres annÈes d'un puissant rÈseau d'Èmetteurs FM en Afrique. ... Depuis un mois et demi, nombre d'Africains se prennent d'affection pour la ´Beebª. ´C'est une excellente radio. Les programmes d'info en franÁais sont de bonne factureª." Slate.fr, 26 June 2009. See previous post about same subject.

Committee to Protect Journalists to Joseph Kabila, president of the Democratic Republic of Congo: "We are alarmed by the government's decision to indefinitely ban FM broadcasts of Radio France Internationale (RFI) in the eastern cities of Bunia and Bukavu. We call on you to use your influence to reverse these rulings, which we believe deprive residents of eastern Congo of access to diverse sources of information about the conflict in their region." CPJ, 19 June 2009.

"A correspondent for Agence France-Presse and Radio France Internationale has been detained in Equatorial Guinea since Wednesday after accusations of libel, his family and authorities told AFP. Rodrigo Angue Nguema 'has been imprisoned at Black Beach prison', said his lawyer Fabian Nsue on Friday." AFP, 19 June 2009. Posted: 29 Jun 2009 (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** GABON. 9580, Africa #1, 06/25/09 0655-0716. I tuned in to hear back-to-back Afro Pops in French. At 0700 there was an OMwith an "Afrique NumÈro Un" ID in French. Then into 10 minutes on News by an OM, followed by more Afro Pops until 0716 when the signal faded to unreadable. Signal was poor thruout (Bruce Barker, Broomall, PA, NRD535D and an Alpha Delta DX Sloper antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Altho one expects them to pronounce `Afrique` as in French, the word is officially ``Africa``, pronounced as in English. One must listen very closely to tell the diffÈrence, and who knows, maybe they do slip into French at times.

I often hear a weak station in French on 9580, which has to be the last SW frequency left from this country, Africa Number One; such as June 26 at 0537, French talk, but no comparison to the signals from DW/Rwanda on 9480, 250 kW at 295 degrees; or to CVC Zambia on 9430, 100 kW at 315 degrees. ANO is supposedly 250 kW at 350 degrees, 0500-2300 --- but undermodulated. I really miss the big clear daytime signals they used to put thru on 15475, even 17630 from the ailing transmitter, which they are supposedly going to revive, unlike Pres. Bongo (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. 9515, 1930 30 May, Pan American Broadcasting, ``Vatican are Satanists``, in English, SIO 444 (Chrissy Brand, Mallorca, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Tsk2, a bit of a scism develops. This PAB is via Wertachtal on Sat & Sun only, but which client makes such a terrible assertion? (gh, DXLD)

** GERMANY [non]. How a man may win receiver Grundig Yacht Boy 80? One more way is to take part in the "Question Of the Week" of radio Deutsche Welle in Russian language. The question of previous week was:

"How long time the Germans are in the Bathtubs annually - 32 or 47 or 21 days? (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF 2001, Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** GUATEMALA. 89.7 DX Log: see HONDURAS [and non]

** HAITI [non?]. Need help with UNID on 1440 kHz --- Hello all, Just uploaded a file of a station copied on 1440 at 0545 UT this morning. The language sounds like French, but not quite sure. Doesn't sound like Spanish. If it is French, then i have no clue as to what station this is. If anyone here understands French, then any help would be appreciated in IDing this one. Antenna is a "kaz" , positioned to null to the northwest. Thanks in advance! (Barry, Sparta, TN, June 30, mwdx

yg via DXLD)

Hi, it's in French and it's from Haiti. Perhaps a new station "Haiti Tropicale" (Patrice Privat, France, ibid.)

Luxembourg is on 1440 but not often in French (Mike Terry, UK, ibid.)

http://www.radiohaititropical.com/
73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ibid.)

Thanks for the info. Greatly appreciated. But, now I'm a little confused. The station website states that they serve the Haitian community in Orlando, so I would assume that their transmitter is also located there. However, there is already a station on 1440 out of Orlando (WPRD) that broadcasts a Spanish format. I'm going to try and email the station to get more information. Thanks again!(Barry Bankston, N4IJN, Sparta, TN, ibid.)

** HONDURAS [and non]. Sporadic E opening June 30: 1416, 89.7 HONDURAS Ceiba, Atlantida; "La S˙per EstaciÛn", musica popular/rom·ntica, "Los DOBLECITOS de la SUPER ESTACION" woman ancr in Spanish, Spanish pop / cumbia mix; mention of TEGUCIGALPA, reggeaton music by EDDIE LOVER, TC is CST.

1435, 89.7, HONDURAS, Santa B·rbara; "EstÈreo FIEL" announcements by W in Spanish, promo "EstÈreo Fiel 107.9 FM" lite Christian Spanish music.

1450, 89.7, EL SALVADOR, San Salvador; "Radio BAUTISTA" M in Spanish "RADIO BAUTISTA"; mention of // 95.7, 106.1; Christian English/gospel music!

1457, 89.7 GUATEMALA, Guatemala City; "Emisoras Unidas"; M in Spanish, "Emisoras UNIDAS, Primero en NOTICIAS, Primero en DEPORTES", then marimba music (Steven Wiseblood, Boca Chica Beach, TEXAS (2 miles from the GULF of MEXICO), 25:55N 97:13:30W, Roadmaster VRCD400-SDU AM/FM$ car stereo FM-6 YAGI @ 15ft. times in CDT, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HONDURAS [and non]. Coup coverage: see also CUBA!

RADIO GLOBO HONDURAS ES SACADA DEL AIRE
Prensa Web RNV, 28 Junio 2009, 06:41 PM

M·s temprano, a las 4:15 de la tarde los compaÒeros de esta emisora denunciaron que habÌan recibido amenazas por parte de algunos grupos de poder. Fueron advertidos que pueden ser detenidos si contin˙an informando.

Este domingo, aproximadamente a las 4:45 de la tarde (hora local), Radio Globo Honduras, ˙nica emisora que informaba objetivamente sobre la situaciÛn del paÌs centroamericano luego del golpe de Estado perpetrado contra el presidente Manuel Zelaya, fue sacada del aire.

M·s temprano, a las 4:15 de la tarde (5:45 hora de Venezuela) los compaÒeros de esta emisora denunciaron que habÌan recibido amenazas por parte de algunos grupos de poder. Fueron advertidos que pueden ser detenidos si contin˙an informando.

Hacen un llamado al pueblo hondureÒo, y al ilegalmente electo Michelleti para que garantice la libertad de expresiÛn en Honduras.

RamÛn Custodio LÛpez, director de esa estaciÛn radial "ha sido defensor de la libertad de expresiÛn" expresaron representantes de la radio.
Fuente: RADIO NACIONAL DE VENEZUELA
http://www.rnv.gov.ve/noticias/index.php?act=ST&f=3&t=101076
(Via Yimber GavirÌa, Colombia, 0047 UT June 29, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DXLD)

RADIOEMISORAS VUELVEN AL AIRE EN HONDURAS TRAS EL GOLPE

SAN PEDRO SULA .- Las estaciones de radio de Honduras volvieron al aire despuÈs de casi diez horas de interrupciÛn. Algunas de emisoras noticiosas iniciaron programaciÛn con m˙sica y pedÌan una explicaciÛn o un comunicado de parte del Congreso nacional sobre la situaciÛn del paÌs. A la vez que motivaban a la poblaciÛn a mantener la calma.

La energÌa fue interrumpida durante m·s de diez horas desde el golpe de estado.

Fuente: Diario Tiempo, San Pedro Sula,
http://www.tiempo.hn/index.php/secciones/crisis-politica-en-honduras/21850-radioemisoras-vuelven-al-aire-en-honduras-tras-el-golpe

(via Yimber GavirÌa, Noticias de la Radio, 0149 UT June 29, http://yimber-gaviria.blogspot.com WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Much attention to the Honduran controversy at http://www.telesurtv.net (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

See also VENEZUELA, for TVDX confused with CUBA?
Speaking of confusion, I have both heard and seen Pres. Zelaya`s first name as `Mel` instead of `Manuel` --- or does he really do that? (gh)

HONDURAS MEDIA BLACKOUT FOLLOWING MILITARY COUP | Text of press release in English by Paris-based media freedom organization Reporters Sans Frontieres on 29 June

Reporters Without Borders is very worried about the impact of yesterday's military coup d'etat on press freedom. President Manuel Zelaya's ouster was followed by a curfew during which the broadcasts of several radio and TV stations were suspended.

"We condemn a coup against a democratically elected president on principle, especially as it raises concern about respect for basic freedoms including press freedom," Reporters Without Borders said. "The suspension or closure of local and international broadcast media indicates that the coup leaders want to hide what is happening. The Organization of American States and the international community must insist that this news blackout is lifted."

As soon as the curfew had been decreed, the National Telecommunications Commission (CONATEL) notified cable TV operators of a ban on broadcasting certain international TV stations such as Telesur, Cubavision Internacional and CNN Espanol. The broadcasts of Radio Globo and several other stations were also either interrupted or shut down.

In the provinces, around 25 soldiers stormed into the studios of Radio Progreso, a station affiliated to the Latin American Association of Radio Education, four hours after the coup and forced the staff to stop all work. In a statement, station manager Ismael Moreno said the intervention of local residents prevented more serious violence. Still in the military's sights, Radio Progreso has not yet resumed broadcasting.

The military coup and Roberto Micheletti's subsequent installation by congress as the new president prompted demonstrations in support of the ousted president. Members of the Association of Taxis of Honduras who were staging a demonstration in Tegucigalpa attacked a photographer with the daily El Heraldo, throwing stones at him and then beating and kicking him as he lay on the ground.

Reporters Without Borders added: "Honduran journalists already suffer from the high level of violent crime in normal times. We also appeal to the media to act responsibly at this difficult moment. They should refrain from fuelling a polarization in public opinion that could expose journalists to more reprisals." Source: Reporters Sans FrontiËres press release, Paris, in English 29 Jun 09 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** HONDURAS. 3340, La Voz de Misiones Internacionales, Comayag¸ela,

0453-0510, 24-06, canciones religiosas en espaÒol. 15321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW7600G, Antena de cable, 10 metros. Escuchas realizadas en Reinante, Mar Cant·brico, provincia de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Just in case, checked for the two 90m SW stations which are sporadically active, June 30 at 0548 --- not even a carrier on 3340 between CHU and REE; when HRMI is active it does run this late or all-night; nothing on 3250v either (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

LA SIP CONDENA ATROPELLOS CONTRA MEDIOS Y PERIODISTAS EN HONDURAS --- EFE - 29/06/2009 21 : 00

Miami (EEUU), 29 jun (EFE).- La Sociedad Interamericana de Prensa (SIP) condenÛ hoy las limitaciones a la labor de los medios de comunicaciÛn y periodistas tras la destituciÛn del presidente de Honduras, Manuel Zelaya. La SIP hace un llamamiento a las nuevas autoridades hondureÒas para que se respete la libertad de prensa, "la que corre el riesgo de ser restringida por el toque de queda impuesto". . . Fuente:
http://www.elconfidencial.com/cache/
2009/06/29/23_condena_atropellos_contra_medios_periodistas_honduras.html
(EFE via Yimber GavirÌa, Colombia, DXLD)

** HONDURAS. TOMAN MILITARES RADIOEMISORA DE JESUITAS EN HONDURAS
El Financiero en lÌnea Internacional - Lunes 29 de junio (13:32 hrs.)
http://www.elfinanciero.com.mx/ElFinanciero/Portal/cfpages/contentmgr.cfm?docId=198980&docTipo=1&orderby=docid&sortby=ASC

La "Radio Progreso" permanece cerrada, dice el sacerdote Ismael Moreno
Es intempestivamente invadida por un contingente de unos 25 soldados

Tegucigalpa, 29 de junio.- El EjÈrcito de Honduras tomÛ "Radio Progreso", emisora de la orden de los sacerdotes jesuitas que tiene su sede en la ciudad de El Progreso, norte del paÌs, a unos 350 kilÛmetros al norte de esta capital.

Dicha emisora permanece cerrada, seÒalÛ este lunes un comunicado enviado por el sacerdote Ismael Moreno, director de Radio Progreso. "Por este medio informamos que a raÌz del golpe de Estado ocurrido a primera hora del domingo en contra del presidente Manuel Zelaya Rosales, nuestra Radio Progreso fue intempestivamente invadida por un contingente de unos 25 militares", precisÛ el boletÌn.

TambiÈn fue amenazado de muerte el periodista Johnny Lagos, director del semanario El Libertador, afÌn al gobierno del depuesto presidente Manuel Zelaya Rosales, denunciÛ vÌa telefÛnica.

Adem·s, como en Èpocas de la guerra frÌa, hay personas detenidas, ministros en la clandestinidad, seg˙n denunciÛ el Bloque Popular, encabezado por Carlos H. Reyes, aspirante presidencial con una candidatura independiente. La vÌspera, el Bloque Popular y el grupo UnificaciÛn Democr·tica se congregaron frente a la sede del Poder Ejecutivo para rechazar la separaciÛn del presidente Manuel Zelaya Rosales. (Con informaciÛn de Notimex/MVC)

NOTA: Visitando la p·gina de Radio Progreso Honduras en http://radioprogresohn.com/
el audio me sale con error 404 (Yimber Gaviria, Noticias de la Radio, June 29, http://yimber-gaviria.blogspot.com WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HONDURAS [and non]. TELESUR AND CNN CUT OFF FOLLOWING COUP

"Shortly after the Honduran military seized President Manuel Zelaya and flew him to Costa Rica on Sunday, soldiers stormed a popular radio station and cut off local broadcasts of international television networks CNN en Espanol and Venezuelan-based Telesur, which is sponsored by leftist governments in South America. A pro-Zelaya channel also was shut down." Reuters, 29 June 2009.

"The supporters of the military coup staged Sunday against Honduran President Manuel Zelaya forced the Latin American news channel Telesur to stop broadcasting from the Centro American country following a information deadlock. Telesur¥s signal is no longer on the air, reported Venezuelan journalist Freddy Fern·ndez, general director of the Bolivarian News Agency (ABN), who is currently in Tegucigalpa where he would cover the opinion poll scheduled for last Sunday." Invasor.cu, 29 June 2009.

"Officers armed with rifles briefly detained four journalists from the AP and three from Venezuela-based Telesur, arresting them at their hotel, loading them in a military vehicle and taking them to an immigration office, where two officials demanded to see their visas. The group was released a short time later." AP, 30 June 2009.

"The Telesur TV network showed soldiers advancing on some streets in the capital, Tegucigalpa, and police clashing with noisy demonstrators, a day after military troops sent Zelaya into exile. Other images showed troops, tanks and additional military assets deployed around the presidential grounds. The TV station, formed by several Latin American governments and partly funded by the pro-Zelaya Venezuelan government, also aired images of demonstrators setting fires on streets and black smoke rising. iReport.com: Are you there? Share your photos, videos." CNN International, 30 June 2009.

"The military coup has also launched an all-out attack on freedom of expression in the country. Venezuela's Telesur reports that its team was detained and military personnel threatened to confiscate its video equipment if it continued to broadcast." Laura Carlsen, Huffington Post, 30 June 2009. See also Telesur, 29 June 2009.

"A TV reporter from TeleSur was attacked by soldiers and held at gun point, according to La Prensa Grafica of El Salvador." News Junkie Post, 29 June 2009.

"Telesur, which has been the ONLY media outlet to provide non-stop coverage on the coup in Honduras since yesterday, has just been the victim of violent repression in Honduras. During the beginning of the meetings taking place this afternoon in Nicaragua with all heads of state from Latin America, Telesur abruptly interrupted coverage to broadcast the words and cries of Adriana Sivori, Telesur correspondent in Tegucigalpa, denouncing she was being detained, along with her cameraman, by military forces in Honduras under orders by the coup dictatorship." VHeadline.com, 29 June 2009. (see http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=6883 for linx, via DXLD)

With television news cut off in Honduras, are Hondurans returning to their shortwave radios? VOA Spanish still transmits on shortwave. Nominally, these shortwave transmissions are to the Andean countries, although they should also be audible in Central America. However, the shortwave transmission schedule cannot be found at the recently redesigned http://www1.voanews.com/spanish/news/ website of VOA Spanish Posted: 30 Jun 2009 (Kim Andrew Elliott, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, ibid.)

** HONDURAS [non]. Honduras is just one of twenty three countries Taiwan or Republic Of China has diplomatic relations with. Last night when the first reports were starting to come out at around 12 UT, it started to be reported on local TV and radio.

One of the talk radio stations even invited a few Hondurans who live in Taipei, which has a community of less than a 1000 throughout Taiwan. The reaction from the call-in show from Taiwanese was "is having a coup in Latin America just as popular as football" said the host, which reflects more or less the same feeling.

CITV, the largest satellite TV network had been doing live coverage, but then at 1800 UT stopped. This morning when I got up at 0200 UT not a word. Just that the military had taken over (Keith Perron, Taiwan, June 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ìHonduras has been dropped from President Ma Ying-jeou's itinerary for his upcoming visit to some of Taiwan's diplomatic allies in Central

America, the Presidential Office said Monday.î
http://www.chinapost.com.tw/taiwan/foreign-affairs/2009/06/29/214090/President-Ma.htm

ìHonduras cancellation will not affect ties.î
http://www.chinapost.com.tw/taiwan/local/taipei/2009/07/01/214365/Honduras-trip.htm
(Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, July 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 9425, AIR Bengaluru - National Channel, 1435-1500, June 24. In English; "Vividha"(sp?) program (Mon., Wed. and Fri.); played Beatles tunes; interesting comments about the monsoon weather; fair reception.

17670, AIR Delhi, *1513-1530, June 24. AIR IS, into listed Swahili, with sub-continent music.

4970, AIR Shillong, 1232-1256, June 30. In English; news and sports news; program of EZL pop songs (Carpenters with ìIíll Never Fall In Love Againî, etc.); frequent local IDs: "This is the North Eastern Service of All India Radio broadcasting from Shillong on 60.36 meters on shortwave, corresponding to 4,970 kHz."; TC: ì6:05î (their sunset approaching at 6:17) (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also KASHMIR

** INDIA [and non]. AIR in Hindi, 9870 at 0115z June 30 with 500 kW at 174 , aimed at southern India and Antarctica. The Voice of Turkey in Spanish was also on this channel, no clear winner although the Hindi dance music was often on top. This is greater than 9300 miles, with an all daylight path if by short path. Or it could be via the almost all dark long path in excess of 15000 miles. I suspect long path but without a Wullenweber how can I be certain? Please Santa, under the tree this year if I'm good (Jerry Lenamon, Waco TX, EtÛn E-1, sloper, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Here are links to some of the websites of All India Radio regional stations :
All India Radio - Agartala (Tripura) http://www.airagartala.org
All India Radio - Ahmedabad (Gujarat) http://www.airahmedabad.in
All India Radio - Bhawanipatna (Orissa) http://www.airbpn.org
All India Radio - Cuttack (Orissa) http://www.airctc.com
All India Radio - Imphal http://cicmanipur.nic.in/html/air_imp.htm
All India Radio - HPT Malad, Mumbai http://www.airhptmalad.com
All India Radio - Panaji http://www.airpanaji.gov.in
All India Radio - Rohtak http://www.rohtakakashvani.com
All India Radio - Rampur http://rampur.nic.in/air.htm
All India Radio - Shillong http://www.airshillong.org

All India Radio - Thiruvananthapuram http://www.airtvm.com
All India Radio - Vividh Bharati (Temp)
http://vividhbharati.weebly.com/index.html
All India Radio - Kolkata (Unofficial)
http://www.freewebs.com/airkolkata/
(Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, June 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Other websites :

Govt. of India, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
http://mib.nic.in/

All India Radio - Main Website
http://www.allindiaradio.org

All India Radio News Portal
http://newsonair.com/

All India Radio, CE East Zone
http://airez.org.in/allindiaradio/

All India Radio, CE West Zone
http://www.cewzair.org

All India Radio, CE North Zone
http://www.cenorth.org

All India Radio - Central Sales Unit,Mumbai
http://csuair.org.in/

All India Radio,Civil Construction Wing
http://www.ccwprasarbharati.nic.in

All India Radio - Staff Training Institute (Tech)
http://education.vsnl.com/stitair/

All India Radio - Regional Staff Training
Institute(Techl),Bhubaneshwar
http://www.rstitbbsr.org/

All India Radio - Childrens Programme
http://childrensection.tripod.com/

Doordarshan
http://www.ddindia.gov.in

Doordarshan Thiruvanathapuram
http://www.ddktvm.gov.in

AIR & DD Engineers Association
http://airddengineers.org/
(Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. AIR ENGINEERS, DIRECT RECRUITS UP IN ARMS

Prasar Bharati is bracing itself to meet major protests from various cadres on issues such as cadre review for engineering employees to the inordinate delay and failure in promoting the direct recruit cadre officers to higher posts as directed by Courts more than five years back.

Hundreds of Direct Recruit Programme officers working in the two public service broadcasters, All India Radio and Doordarshan, are to launch a nationwide peaceful sit in protest dharna from 2 July.

The Association of Radio & Television Engineering Employees (ARTEE) held a lunch hour gate meeting last week as the first leg of its protracted agitation on a seven-point charter including One Pay for One Cadre amongst subordinate Engineering cadres (from Helper to Assistant Engineer) in All India Radio and Doordarshan.

Detail story on
http://www.radioandmusic.com/content/editorial/news/air-engineers-direct-recruits-arms
(via Jaisakthivel, June 30, dx_india yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DXLD)

So could this disrupt AIR programming, even GOS? First we need to know what it has been (gh, DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 4749.95v, RRI-Makassar, 1357-1401*, June 29. In BI; pop song; suddenly off. After sign-off noted CNR-1 on 4750.0 (// 5030) (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4750, RRI Makassar, 1053-1120 June 29, Noted a number of individuals commenting in Indonsian Language. Before the hour there seemed to be a female being interview by a male. Briefly after the interview, music is presented. On the hour news presented by a male. This was followed by more conversation between a female and male. Signal was almost a good level at 1100, but began to fade by 1118.

Radio VisiÛn [Peru] was nil heard today on 4790, June 29, 2009.
RRI Fak Fak was nil heard today on 4790, June 29, 2009 (Chuck Bolland, Rcvr: Watkins Johnson HF1000, Ordinary Dipole of unknown length, Montura, Florida, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. Someone reported VOI on 9524 or so around 1800; thus I checked whether the frequency had also jumped when we can hear it between 1200 and 1400: no, still just a shade below 9525 at 1330 June 25 when gamelan could be discerned, but pretty weak now during the English hour, unlike at 1200 when it was incoming well (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9524.96, Voice of Indonesia, 1306-1319, June 26. In English with the news and ìToday in Historyî. Would have been good reception except for the strong transmitter hum (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Something is very wrong at Cimanggis: VOI, normally in the clear on 9525 during the 1300 English hour, but June 30 at 1321 accompanied by multiple carriers on each side producing identical hets amongst them, of somewhat more than 1000 Hz. Very difficult to sort out on my equipment but a spectrum display would have been intriguing.

I think this is all coming out of VOI, rather than interference or jamming. Possibly they are operating more than one transmitter by mistake, or a single one has big problems. No other audio heard, but some of the offset carriers may have had same audio as the central one.

Ron Howard in California was monitoring at same time, and found two audios, one above and one below 9525, plus the big hets.

I was making a point of checking this on Tuesday, and reconfirmed that as they have been doing since April, it was yet another weekly excursion to RRI Banjarmasin, as I could make out the regular announcer`s voice from there and Banj was mentioned after VOI ID at 1332.

The cacophony was constant until 1357 when CRI carrier came on as usual making matters even worse. Possibly with very tight selectivity and/or notching one could have made VOI listenable, but a better solution would have been for them to fix the problem (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525, Voice of Indonesia, 1320, June 30. Strange goings on here! I could detect two of the same audios here, one above and one below 9525. Unable to measure frequency due to resulting super strong het! Could they really be running two transmitters here? (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VOI again with severe het problem on 9525, July 1 at 1341 during music; now the hets are exactly 1 kHz apart. Same at 1422 with the

addition of CRI Russian service QRM (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9680, RRI Jakarta, 0805-0820, July 1 (Wed.). In English with ìKGIî (Kang Guru Indonesia) program # 6403; taking about Java earthquake (2006); song ìIndonesia Menangisî by Sherina (ìIndonesia is Cryingî), song was created to mourn the victims of the tsunami tragedy (video can be seen at < http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6ORdt6odaA >); usual segment with song ìThat's What Friends Are Forî; information given about the KGI magazine. It has been a long time since I last checked on this and am glad to hear they are still on the air, as I always find their programming of interest; scheduled from 0800 to 0820 on Wed. and Fri. (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Video is captioned. I notice that h is aspirated, even when final; and most words ending in a vowel are stressed final, especially -i (gh)

** INTERNATIONAL. Scan of Amateur Radio 40m band, 7095 thru 7200, at 1408, June 28.

7095 - PBS Nei Menggu (weak). Is this a new spur?
7105 - PBS Nei Menggu (good).
7110 ñ UNID station, weak. Sounded Asian, do not believe it was Ethiopia, but who?
7115 - PBS Nei Menggu (weak). Is this also a spur? All three were in parallel. Have noticed these recently. [see also CHINA]
7130 ñ CNR-1 echo jamming (good); // 5030; jamming Taiwan.
7140 ñ R. Australia; am still hearing this; // 9590. Is this just another erroneous signal produced by my E-1?
7165 - Radio Ethiopia, usual chanting/singing [long path]
7185 - CNR-1 echo jamming (good); // 5030; jamming Taiwan.
7200 ñ R. Rossii via Yakutsk (good).
A good source for monitoring information is
http://www.iarums-r1.org/iarums/news2009/news0905.pdf
(Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BANDSCAN 7100 to 7200 kHz. Times UT.
Gavin Hellyer, Melbourne, Victoria GH
Dieter Habicht, Alice Springs NT DH
John Wright, Peakhurst NSW JW

7105, PBS China Nei Menguu. Very poor noisy 1313. GH
7110, R Ethopia, Fair in Amharic 1502 GH.
7130, R Taiwan Fair but noisy 1413 in CC GH.
7140, North Korea, Pyongyang. After 0800 from DH also JW s/on in JJ,
1200 s/on in KK GH.

7140, Radio Rossi 1306 in Russian GH
7145, R Hargesia. Fair in Somali noisy and fades 1505. GH.
7165, R Ethopia noisy fair in Amharic 1316 GH, 1329 JW.
7175, Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea. Soho/Bile language px fair
and fades 1508 GH.
7185, R Taiwan CC at 1310 very noisy GH.
7200, R Omdurman Sudan. Fair in AA @ 1510 GH & 1525 JW.
(July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. A HAM RADIO WEEKEND FOR TALKING TO THE MOON
Jim Wilson/The New York Times

Only about 1,000 ham radio buffs worldwide have the equipment to
bounce a signal off the moon . . .
http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/27/technology/27moon.html
(via Zacharias Liangas, DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. IRAN JAMMED IBB MUX ON HOTBIRD 8, TOO

A week ago the Iranian satellite jamming also started to target the
main IBB mux on Hotbird 8, 12.226 GHz v.

http://forum.digitalfernsehen.de/forum/astra-hot-bird-news/221280-angriffe-auf-
hotbirdtransponder-6.html

Postings in this thread indicate that first disruptions took place on
June 20. On June 21 the jamming had become so intense and steady that
the mux was effectively blocked altogether.

Apparently this situation prompted IBB engineering to give in
immediately and save all their other feeds, the ones not related to
Iran, from being killed as well. They did so by taking VOA Persian TV
out of this mux and instead transmitting it on a separate carrier 15
MHz above, as documented in this thread and also on the usual
frequency lists, like http://www.lyngsat.com/hotbird.html

Has anybody noted possible collateral damage during last Sunday? This
could include disruptions of any VOA or RFE/RL rebroadcasts by any
European station as well as disruptions of shortwave relays via
Wertachtal and Nauen (although these could have obtained modulation
via ISDN dial-up instead), just to mention what comes to mind
immediately.

This is pretty hefty. I really wonder what might go on behind the
scenes (Kai Ludwig, Germany, June 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Telstar 12, at 15 degrees west, is the favored satellite of VOA
Persian TV and Iranian exile stations in Los Angeles. Because it is so

low to the horizon, it cannot be jammed from an uplink in Iran. This is why, in 2003, it was jammed by an uplink from an apparent Iranian facility in Cuba. Cuba, though willing to jam US broadcasts on all wavebands, quickly put a stop to the Iranian jamming. Iranians who receive television from Telstar 12 must have their dishes pointed conspicuously to the western horizon (Kim Andrew Elliott, June 28, kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** IRAN. 9925, at 1932 5 June, VOIRI, IS, Sign-on, ID by YL in English, SIO 352 (Steve Calver, England, BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) Also 1944 29 May, ``US is meddling in Lebanon``, // 5945, English, SIO 433 (David Gascoyne, Kent, ibid.) as if Iran isn`t (gh)

** IRAN. "On shortwave radio, [Iran's] Voice of Justice program [beamed to North America] has made a point during the course of the last week and a half to repeat the phrase 'President Doctor Mahmoud Ahmedinejad' as frequently as possible, as well as making copious mention of those congratulatory statements from abroad - to include one made by President Obama prior to the actual election. The programming has also been changed to focus less on stories maligning the United States, and more on stories about 'President Doctor Mahmoud Ahmedinejad', Ali Khamenei, and any line they can think of to afford the two of them some degree of political legitimacy.

The most interesting moment from a recent broadcast of the Voice of Justice program, though, came the day after the poll. The commentators on the program seemed to stutter and stumble over their words more than usual, betraying nerves and apprehension amongst the personnel of the government's propaganda wing. On the topic of radio, Iran appears to be jamming foreign radio broadcasts, including the BBC Persian service." Tom Ordeman, Jr., Family Security Matters, 23 June 2009 (kimandrewelliott.com June 26 via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DXLD) See also MONGOLIA

** IRAN [non]. 4781, CLANDESTINE. Heard the opening at 0158 on 13/6 and 25/6 one of the only already two pro-communist stations beamed to Iran (the frequency is variable; for example at 0230 was on 4789 and some times is whistling with Djibouti on 4780). So, native song as ID, at 0200 the Hymn (usually played on such of stations), ID, approx "Radio Turkmen Kurdistani Irana" and man voice "Dengi Kurdistana Iran" and not in Farsi, next sermon, ID, news in Turkmenian(?) and in Kurdish, and so stronger and stronger jammer (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF 2001, Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

Or same logs put another way to another bulletin:

Radio V. of Iranian Kurdistan (ID in Turkmen ``Radio Turkmen Kurdi Iran`` [sic, does not match above] and ID in Kurdish ``Eira Radio

Dengi Kurdistana Iran``) heard 13 June with sign-on at 0158 on new 4781 with patriotic songs. ID at 0200, hymn, ID and music from Wagner, ID by lady in Turkmen and man in Kurdish and news in both languages (at 0230 was on 4789). Sign-on was at 0158 on 14 June.

Voice of Kurdistani Irana (ID in Kurdish Dengi Kurdistana Irana) heard on 14 June with sign-on at 0145 --- same hymn as above station, sermon, ID, news in Kurdish; noted at 0145 on3932 and at 0205 on 3837. Unheard on 13 June at these times (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. PERSIAN RADIO IN HOLLAND GIVES IRANIANS NEWS
By ARTHUR MAX , 06.25.09, 09:32 AM EDT

AMSTERDAM -- Until the Iranian election this month, Holland's Radio Zamaneh was more interested in underground music, alternative literature and interviews with Iranian cultural figures than in politics. Now it is one of the few Persian-language sources of unfiltered information for Iranians whose access to news has been strictly controlled by the regime since mass protests erupted over the alleged rigging of June 12 presidential elections.

Since its launch in 2006, Radio Zamaneh has targeted young urban Iranians inhabiting the blogosphere; the postelection crackdown prompted its reporters to step up its use of Facebook, Twitter, blogs and cell phones for information. An Iranian diplomat, summoned to the Foreign Ministry in The Hague to receive a protest against the treatment of demonstrators, accused the Dutch government of meddling in Iran's internal affairs and complained it was financing "propaganda" by Radio Zamaneh.

On a visit to the Middle East, Foreign Minister Maxime Verhagen told national broadcaster NOS he was annoyed by the criticism from Iran, "while protesters are being shot dead there and people exercising their right to freedom of expression are being brutally subdued."

The chief editor of the station says he is not running an opposition radio. Full story at :
http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2009/06/25/ap6586147.html
(via Alokesh Gupta, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DXLD)

which claims it is on SW!

``Haerinejad says he has no idea how many listeners tune into the 90-minute daily broadcast by short wave and satellite, which is repeated twice and appears as an audio and text file on the station's Web site. But he interpreted the protest from the Iranian Embassy as a sign that the station has a significant following.``

But I suppose that is wrong, altho you would think that Haerinejad would know. It was initially on SW for a while, via Ukraine, as in DXLD 8-109:

And in case Press Now rings a bell: They also run Radio Zamaneh, a station for Iran, launched in September 2006 and for some time also carried via the Ukrainian Kopani site. Meanwhile they have dropped shortwave again (is it really irrelevant for reaching Iranian audiences now?), but they are still on Hotbird, at least still listed there (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Sept 30, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1428, DX LISTENING DIGEST 8-109)

But now would certainly be an opportune time to resume SW. Maybe Andy can ask the chief editor to clarify. I don`t find it in any of the current references, nor on http://www.rnw.nl/english/article/rnw-frequency-schedule-summer-2009 where it would be denoted PNW, like Radio Da[r]banga for Darfur (Glenn Hauser, June 25, 2009, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As far as we aware, they are not currently on shortwave, certainly not via any of our facilities. My colleague in Programme Distribution, Jan Peter Werkman, specifically asked me that question yesterday because no such transmissions have been registered with HFCC. They would not necessarily be included in our schedule as they may deal directly with other airtime providers. I will try to get clarification from Press Now, but today is my day off so I cannot do that till next week (Andy Sennitt, June 26th, 2009 - 10:51 UTC, Media network blog via DXLD)

The RNW schedule is not necessarily the place to look for Radio Zamaneh, because they were not involved in its initial shortwave transmissions. All RNW did back in 2006 was to give them the contact details of Radioagenstvo-M in Moscow, who then arranged the airtime on the RRT transmitter for them. This could have something to do with the direct financing from the Dutch authorities, or simply with the circumstance that Radio Zamaneh does not use RNW studios (or do they?), contrary to Radio Dabanga.

Looking at the Radio Zamaneh website does not reveal obvious references to a shortwave frequency. Instead I'm a bit surprised why they feature the cover of the German "Stern" magazine, which in its current edition launches a new series about the history of Iran (many people think that this is an important country which got really too little attention here in Germany so far)? http://zamaaneh.com/photography/2009/06/post_985.html

Concerning the attacks from the Iranian authorities: Why has such a separate, state-funded station being created at all? The obvious

approach would have been to allocate the money to RNW for a Persian service (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Zamaneh has no connection with RNW, and is based in Amsterdam. RNW was never consulted about the setting up of a Persian service, but we were asked to provide initial assistance with getting Radio Zamaneh on shortwave, which we did as you describe. The intiative to set up Radio Zamaneh was from a Dutch-Iranian MP, who was obviously able to persuade a sufficient number of parliamentary colleagues that this was something they should do. The original plan was to set up a TV service, but it was scaled back.

You imply that Radio Dabanga uses "RNW studios". It doesn't. They have their own studio in accommodation rented from the Radio Netherlands Training Centre. The programme is, however, played out from our Network Operations Centre, and of course broadcast via our Madagascar relay station (Andy Sennitt, ibid.)

** IRAN [and non]. Iranian bubble jamming against RFE/RL R Farda service in Farsi, 15330 kHz Iranawila [SRI LANKA] 1400-1500 UT. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, July 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [non]. FACT SHEET ON INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING TO IRAN
June 25, 2009

ìThe winner (in reporting) of the Iranian protests was neither old media nor new media, but a hybrid of the two.î ---The Economist, June 18, 2009

ìIranian authorities are seeking to exercise a stranglehold on press coverage of massive unrest after the disputed election results there, but theyíre having trouble stopping a combination of old-fashioned, shoe-leather journalism and new social media platforms.î --David Folkenflik, NPRís All Things Considered, June 20, 2009

ìWe are getting hundreds of videos, thousands of calls, probably tens of thousands of emails. Itís the most incredible thing I have ever experienced.î ---Alex Belida, Acting Director, VOAís Persian News Network

The major actors:

VOAís Persian News Network (PNN).

On TV eight original hours a day, including a new morning program. These are repeated around the clock and streamed on line. Five hours are simulcast on radio and there is a one hour radio only program. PNN is the leading international broadcaster to Iran. In a 2009 survey

conducted by InterMedia Survey Inc., the Voiceís Persian TV service reached at least 29.5 percent of adults in Iran each week (more than 15 million.)

These numbers undoubtedly have increased considerably since the Iranian presidential election June 13 and protests in its aftermath. Direct visits to PNNís website http://www.voanewspnn.com have increased 800 percent since early June. VOA has been inundated with videos, pictures, emails, and telephone calls from inside Iran. It has created a dedicated Twitter account and posted material on other sites, including You Tube http://youtube.com/user/PNNVideo

BBC World Service TV in Persian.

The service, launched in January, expanded its schedule to 13 hours a day during the recent crisis. BBC estimates its audience in Iran at seven million, but Iran threatened on June 24 to downgrade relations with Britain and the two countries have expelled pairs of diplomats. An Iranian government spokesman accused BBC and VOA of ìcreating and intensifying ethnic tensions and dividing the countryî and warned against any email to these channels, ìthe control rooms of the recent uprising.î According to an analysis by BBC World Service monitoring, Iranian state TV has covered events almost exclusively based on statements and rallies of the government or of President Ahmedinijad. The views of the three defeated presidential candidates have received little or no coverage.

RFE/RLís Radio Farda.

This around the clock network has greatly expanded its shortwave frequencies since the present crisis began. At some peak hours, it is on ten frequencies simultaneously. Ninety nine percent of Iranian households have television, and only 25 percent listen to radio.

In the February survey, Radio Farda reached 2.5 percent of Iranian adults weekly (around a million and a third listeners). Despite Iranian jamming, that total is believed to be somewhat greater today. Radio Farda reported a doubling in the use of proxy servers and web censorship circumvention software over last weekend.

Impact.

Iranian official attacks against Western media, particularly the VOA and BBC, have intensified greatly this week. Iran has jammed PNN and BBC Persian TV as well as Radio Farda intermittently. But the U.S. broadcasters have beamed PNN through five different satellites, and six channels.

Radio Farda, since jamming began June 14, has added five to ten frequencies at prime listening hours. VOAís full service coverage of events has encompassed exclusive videos of protest marches in Iran and the governmentís violent crackdown as well as reactions from the United States and other countries to the evidence of fissures in Tehranís clerical leadership.

There was the stunning video of the agonizing death on June 22 of Neda Agha-Solton, the young woman murdered in a Tehran plaza by a bystander deployed by the regime. Within a few hours, Neda became a symbol of popular resistance to a flawed election. Hundreds of thousands of channels and delivery systems --- digital, print, websites, TV and radio --- relayed the images of her last moments.

Juan Mercado of the Philippines Daily Inquirer reported that the Agha-Solton video was transmitted from Tehran through server proxies to evade government censors. ìAn Iranian,î he wrote, ìslipped copies to The Guardian in London, to the Voice of America, and to five contacts in Europe. CNN broadcast the film. In less than 24 hours, Neda was transformed, on the web, from a nameless victim into an icon of the Iranian protest movement.î

The Khamenei regime struck back. Iran expelled the BBCís Tehran bureau chief, and accused Britain and the United States of fomenting the countryís most explosive uprising in Iran in 30 years. It accused the BBC and VOA of orchestrating the uprising and seeking to divide Iranians. On June 25, VOA Director Danforth W. Austin responded. In an interview with News Talk, one of several PNN daily public affairs programs, he denied Iranís allegations that international broadcasters, including VOA, worked to threaten the countryís territorial integrity. ìThatís simply not true,î he said.

The VOA Director added that the Voice would continue to give Iranians a full and balanced view of events inside their country and around the world. ìThat is our promise to the people of Iran,î Austin said. ìThe access to free and credible information is very importantÖ Right now, the VOA is the only way many people in Iran can find out what is going on in their own country. A free flow of information is a fundamental human value regardless of religion or background.î

Many other media have focused on the role of international broadcasters, and particularly VOA, in meeting this challenge. Among them: the Associated Press, United Press International, the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, the Christian Science Monitor, the Times of London, Agence France Presse, CNN, NBC Nightly News, National Public Radio, the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. In an editorial, that paper concluded:

ìU.S. cable news channels are carrying first person reports from inside Iran, too. But what distinguishes VOA is its long experience in reaching foreign audiences living under regimes that prohibit the free flow of information. Thatís an especially valuable capacity right now in regard to Iran --- one that should not be overlooked or underestimated in debate about how the U.S. government is dealing with events there.î (Alan Heil via George Jacobs via Drita «iÁo, DXLD)

** ISRAEL. Japanese DXer received English broadcast of Kol Israel-Voice of Israel 11595 on Jun. 24 at 1730-1745 UT.
-1730 unknown lang.
1730-1745 English
1745 Time pip
1745- unknown lang.
http://ani.atz.jp/BCL/files/20090625_023004.mp3 by xyz_orz
(S. Hasegawa, NDXC, June 24, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Mistake?

Kol Israel-11595 // 13850 kHz on June 25
1355 IS
1400 Persian
1525 Domestic "Reset Bet" in Hebreu
1550 s/off
(S. Hasegawa, NDXC, ibid.)

9985, 1405 27/06, R Israel, em Persian, desde Tel Aviv-Yavne, com 250 kW, YL apresenta nx, em // 11595 kHz; o sinal de 9985 parece ser um pouco mais forte, mas chega com mais ruÌdo, 25232. O SINPO para 11595 kHz 25332, sinais degradam rapidamente, 73 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia - Brasil, HCDX via DXLD)

** ISRAEL. 6973, Galei Zahal Tel Aviv, 0143-0200, June 26, Hebrew. M with talk between pop ballads; "live" comedy routine at 0148; announcers over wind instrument at 0156 followed by Reveille & ID at 0158; martial-like music; presumed ad string; news at 0200; fair at best (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-545, RX-350D, MLB1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY. Re 9-049: 1566 kHz: The described program format is typical for Radio Santec in foreign languages. A similar thing could be heard a few years ago from some missionary in the USA, where the English preachers got a continuous voice-over in Polish and the whole stuff had been beamed via J¸lich to Poland. In both cases the actual broadcast was of course recorded, not live.

Actually airing the whole statement, reading the translation over it and then fading it up again until the quotation ends is in Germany a not uncommon practice for material in English, since many listeners

can understand it to some degree. However, this applies to short takes, not long speeches (Kai Ludwig, Germany, June 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: I heard a new Italian station on 1566 kHz on June 22, 2009 at 1628 UT. ID: "Challenger Radio" incl. Morse message: "CHRISTUS". Religious programming in Italian. Weak-to-Fair signal was later covered by a Greek pirate station. I was observing another very weak signal in the backgroud with a speech sounding like German (too poor to be sure). Because of identical fade-ins and fade-outs it seemed to be in connection with the signal of Challenger Radio (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, June 23, MWC via DXLD)

Karel, rather than a new station I'd better call it a new pest, now 1566 is another channel where dxing is impossible for my QTH. They identify as Challanger Radio as you say and they also mention that the program is produced by Radio Santec. You can find all the info you want on the web. There is not always that voice in German in the background. You can hear it when the italian speaker translates the "letters of Gabriele" the prophetess and I believe that the effect is wanted. Regards (Valter Comuzzi, Udine, Italy, June 23, ibid.)

** ITALY. 26000, R. Maria: at 1716 20 June just audible, first time I`ve heard it this year (Russ Cummings, Hull UK, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) Also at 1800 20 June, church singing, YL in Italian, tnx RC`s tip, SIO 242 (Dave Kenny, Berks., ibid.) Es, not DRM

** ITALY [non]. Glenn, This is an advance notice that on the following dates our schedule on IRRS-Shortwave will be temporarily changed, affecting your program. Programs of our member Radio Rasant will preempt currently scheduled non member programs on 9510 kHz (Saturday) as follows:

Radio Rasant on air via IRRS-Shortwave to Europe and N Africa:
July 11, 2009 from 1000 to 1030 CET on 9510 kHz, and
Aug. 8, 2009 from 1000 to 1100 CET on 9510 kHz
73, (Alfredo E. Cotroneo, CEO, NEXUS-Int'l Broadcasting Association, June 26, to gh, via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So that means WOR will be skipped on IRRS two weeks in a row each time, Sats 0800 UT, since on the first week of each month it`s pre-empted by Joystick, i.e., the dates WOR WILL presumably be on are: July 18, 25; August 15, 22, 29 (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DXLD)

** KASHMIR. 4950, INDIA, AIR Srinagar, *2358, June 30, vernacular. IS; Vande Mataram followed by sign-on announcment and Hindi music; weak-poor, choppy signal tho audible enough to ID the familiar AIR s/on

routine; this past week, s/on of 60m AIR's I rarely hear, have been poking thru at my location (Scott R. Barbour Jr., Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-545, RX-350D, MLB1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 15280, KRE VoK in French and Korean

KOREA D.P.R. 15279.04v First time heard tonight. Voice of Korea, Pyongyang, replaced total covered 15245 channel by 15280 kHz. French program in progress S=9+10 dB and total free channel at 1630 UT. At 1700 UT started Korean service.

Exact frequencies are 15279.04 as fundamental, as well as two accompanied spurs 33.92 kHz away on 15245.12 and 15312.96 kHz.

15280v wandered little down now at 1945 UT, and 4 kHz het to DWL 15275 signal. Fundamental 15278.96 kHz, spurs on 15312.52 and 15245.40, but latter some peaks on Perseus display? I guess.

Both other channels suffered under heavy co-channel QRM on 13760 and 15245 kHz, 15245 BBC Russian 1400-1730 UT, and 13760 CRI powerhouse Kashi in English.

Usual European block at 1500-2350 UT. 15 En, 16 Fr, 17 Kor, 18 En, 19 Sp, 20 Fr, 21 En, 22 Sp, and 2300-2350 Korean (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, June 30, dxldyg via DXLD)

Re: 15280v VOK in French and Korean, (ex 15245 kHz 1500-2350 UT) KOREA D.P.R., 15244.72v, VOK Pyongyang in French at 1430 UT July 1st, back on nominal 15245 kHz. Move to 15280v was a single day show yesterday June 30.

Noted wandering from 15244.85 to 15244.70 kHz at 1430-1445 UT today July 1st, and now up to 15244.86 again at 1452 UT. No \\ spurs could be traced today. \\ 13760.02 kHz at 1450 UT (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, July 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. DPRK COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE IN GOOGLE EARTH

I'm a keen monitor of the DPRK (North Korean) media, and one tool that I thought may interest others is the North Korea Uncovered Project which includes the mapping of North Korea's media infrastructure in Google Earth. The project identifies major communications sites including broadcast towers, the Pyongyang Radio Hall (I take it this is the state radio studios) and satellite dish locations. I remember Madcute29 mentioned he had made some trips to the DPRK, perhaps he can throw some light on the location of the Voice of Korea and Korean Central TV Studios? Click to over here for more details...

http://www.nkeconwatch.com/north-korea-uncovered-google-earth/
Cheers, (Mark Fahey, Sydney, Australia, June 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 5910, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze, via Yamata, *1400-1430*, June 24 (Wed.). In English with details about the Japanese abductees taken to N. Korea; fair-good, no jamming (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 11680, 1300 24/06, ARMENIA, Voice of Wilderness, *presumida*, em Korean, desde Yerevan-Gavar, com 300 kW. Tenho monitorando essa frequÍncia e È a segunda vez que consigo sinal, na programaÁ„o ouve-se pregaÁ„o de homem e mulher, hinos em coral, no encerramento o que parece ser um hino sem vocal e o encerramento pelo OM. Sinal muito fraco, sem QRM e um pouco de ruÌdo, logo apÛs o inÌcio do programa em Vietnamita da R Free ¡sia, È uma emissora religiosa e encontrei alguns sites com essa nomenclatura, mas n„o encontrei nenhuma referencia a uma transmiss„o em ondas curtas. A mais prÛxima poderia ser http://www.voiceofwilderness.com/radio.htm (Jorge Freitas, Bahia, Brasil, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** KURDISTAN [non?]. See IRAN [non]

** LAOS. 4412.59v, Lao National Radio via Sam Neua, 1156-1203, June 26. Before ToH playing SE Asian music and not // 6130. ToH // 6130 with usual gong/bell rung 7 times; anthem and into the news in Laotian. 6130 had well above normal reception.

7145, LNR (presumed), 1335-1355, June 26. In English; must have signed off at 1400, as not there at 1403; poor. Almost certain it was Laos, as I have heard them here in the past. Today had above average reception conditions for Laos (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Email from Mauno Ritola (June 27):

ìHi Ron, You are right! I can hear French now at 1310 via a remote rx and also have a faint carrier here at my QTH.î Later he confirmed sign-off was at 1400. So while there still was no positive ID, it certainly seems to be them. Laos on 7145 had been off-the-air for a while, so both of us are glad to hear their reactivation! (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, June 27, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7145, LNR (presumed reactivated), 1250-1338, June 28. Playing SE Asian music/songs (same type as routinely heard on 6130 via LNR). French began before ToH. English started at 1326, with frequency given (so probably an ID). Between the summer QRN and the hams, was poor

reception. They must have had timing problems today, as I noticed the gong/bell started late (1203) on 6130 and the switch in languages here was early by about 4 minutes. BTW: 1249 was my local sunrise, Vientiane sunset at 1148.

6130, LNR. 1416-1423, June 29 (Mon.). After the news in Laotian; introduction in Laotian for ìFunctioning in Businessî; mentions ìVOAî, who produces this program in English; "Hello. I am Elizabeth Moore. Welcome to Functioning in Business"; show about making and confirming reservations (sounded like a repeat program); poor. Scheduled for Mon. and Tues., but often also noted on Fri. and Sat., for the 1415 to 1430 time period.

7145, Lao National Radio, 1308-1348, June 29. Best reception so far; in French with musical fanfare between items; 1331 into English (ì. . . GMT, on a frequency of 97.25 MHz.î), thanks to Mauno Ritola for confirmation that this FM frequency is Laos; M & W alternating with assume news items. Summer noise and ham QRM after 1329 made for poor reception, but the French segment was almost fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA. 21695.0, 1400-1405 30/6, Voice of Africa, Sabatra, LIBYA, (Swahili) falas de OM; falas de YL 25222 (Antonio Laurentino Garcia, Jo„o Pessoa - PB, Brasil, HI22nu, R·dio IC R1500 - Antenas: 730-V1a e 3DX3, HCDX via DXLD)

** MADAGASCAR. 6134.89v, RTVM (presumed), 1342-1406 + 1449-1452*, June 28. For the first time I noticed segments of both French and assume Malagasy; ads; Hi-Li music; conversation in Malagasy (clearly not French) between two men which seemed to be a comedy; went off-the-air in midsentence; almost fair. Unable to confirm any parallels (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 6050, RTM Sarawak, Sibu. Programme of songs with Malay announcements. Poor reception with droning and fading. Heard 1043-1051 on 8/6 (Dennis Allen, Milperra NSW (Icom R75, Realistic DX160, Dipole), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

Sibu 6050 and all of the Kuching MW channels have vanished. To think that a mighty civilisation once flourished at this spot! (Alan Davies, Wednesday May 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST 9-041) ! So 6050, axually more like 6049.6 as frequently reported by Ron Howard, is Kuala Lumpur (gh)

** MALAYSIA. 7295, Traxx FM, 1410-1442, June 26. In English; talking about Michael Jackson and playing some of his songs, along with this weekís hit songs (program ìChart Toppersî); PSA; fair-poor. Did not catch any of their new IDs, so must use them sporadically (Ron Howard,

Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. VOM, 11884.7, June 25 at 1148 fair signal with rolling fades in ballad, noticeably distorted audio, 1152 announcement in Chinese; 1208 in talk, presumably news, 1210 back to a song. 1228 a bit of Chinese operatic music, 1229 brief announcement and 1230 open carrier for a few minutes.

No IDs discernible, but who else is on 11884.7? PWBR `2009` shows 11884v, but Ron Howard frequently logs it close to 11884.7, which should round to 11885, not 11884.

This is the VOM Chinese service at 1130-1230, and not jammed! Is it for overseas Chinese around SE Asia? No, target is Beijing area, with 50 or 100 kW at 25 degrees from Kajang site, and thus also favoring us.

Perhaps the ChiCom consider VOM too insignificant to bother with, and/or from a country sufficiently autocratic to be rated as friendly. No het audible either from anything on 11885.0 tho Aoki shows PBS Xinjiang, Ur¸mqi is also on in Uighur, running 50 kW at 230 degrees. Nice to hear VOM here, as I never have any luck with VOM on 15295, or any of the 7 MHz Malaysian channels (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. 5995, RTV du Mali, 06/28/09 0635-0701. Tuned in to tribal music being played by a YL DJ. Songs had plenty of vivid drums and flutes and were very lively and bouncy -- great for dancing or just toe-tapping. Tunes continued until 0645 when an OM announced in French and vernacular that a brief Radio Play was beginning. The short skit, which was entirely in vernacular, ended at 0655 when tribal music resumed. A full ID in French was broadcast at 0700 by a YL, "Ici Radiodiffusion TÈlÈvision Mali" then into an OM talking in French (Bruce Barker, Broomall, PA, NRD535D and an Alpha Delta DX sloper antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MAURITANIA [and non]. Re 9-049: They are finally on, at least on 60 m, and probably even on Tues. evening, but I admit I didn't check that yesterday: 4845 R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, 1837-, 24 Jun, Vernacular, talks; 44333, CODAR QRM.

Now, whether they were active on 7245 today, I simply don't know; it is typical of them to be active on just one HF outlet whenever something is wrong, and when they do, then it's 4845 that is audible, not 7245. It is, nevertheless, presumed that Nouakchott uses the very same transmitter for both frequencies. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, 1846 UT June 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Just as I said, R. Mauritanie seems to follow the rule, their "rule" that is: they're not to be heard on 7245; unless they're heading for a very late start - and that would be no surprise either! 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, 0912 UT June 25, ibid.)

4845, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott. June 24 Arabic 2038-2052 noted two male talks, string and female voice in a Arabic style music, returning some short talks, Arabic music. 22422 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Neste momento, 2147 HUC, chega bem a v/ R. Cultura Ondas Tropicais de Manaus AM, em 4845,2: bastante forte, mesmo junto ‡ Maurit,nia, 4845. Bons DX, melhors 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, Lisboa, June 25 to LOB, via dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4845, Radio Mauritania, Nouakchott, 0544-0550, 25-06, c·nticos del Cor·n. De nuevo en el aire, luego de varios dÌas ausente. 34333 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW7600G, Antena de cable, 10 metros. Escuchas realizadas en Reinante, Mar Cant·brico, provincia de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4845, Radio Mauritanie, 06/28/09 0625-0656. Finally, after several days of silence, Nouakchott was back on 60 meters. OM chanting prayers from the Qur'an in Arabic non-stop until 0655 when music was played and quickly into a string of ads and R. Mauritanie promos. Signal was poor (Bruce Barker, Broomall, PA, NRD535D and an Alpha Delta DX sloper antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Except for nearby 5025 and 5070, only ORTM has enough punch on 60m to almost dominate the noise level here, fortunately reactivated on 4845, July 1 at 0605 chanting. It`s their soporific wake-up show; even now I preferred the similar but livelier chanting from LV de la RASD, ALGERIA to WESTERN SAHARA at 0615 on 6300 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 4800, XERTA, 1126 VERY quick full ID by OM in between music, "XERTA Radio Transcontinental" 24 June.

6104.77, MÈrida, XEQM, 1200 to 1330 with YL and OM between music; Local station from here, 25 June (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida US, June 25, NRD 535D ~ Drake R8, Noise reducing antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6104.7, Mexico is very strong in Florida at 1300. If 49 meter band is open may wish to try this. 73s (Bob Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, Florida. US, July 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST) No go here (gh, OK)

4800, XERTA, Radio Transcontinental de AmÈrica, MÈxico D. F., 0456-0520, 24-06, canciones religiosas, espaÒol. 15221. TambiÈn 0510-0620, 25-06, locutor, comentario religioso: "Como cantaremos al SeÒor", canciones religiosas, identificaciÛn: "Radio Transcontinental de AmÈrica". 25322.

6185, Radio EducaciÛn, MÈxico D. F. 0524-0710, 24-06, m˙sica cl·sica, a las 0601 identificaciÛn por locutor: "Radio EducaciÛn", presentaciÛn de las piezas de m˙sica cl·sica. 23322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW7600G, Antena de cable, 10 metros. Escuchas realizadas en Reinante, Mar Cant·brico, provincia de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. °LA XEB, "LA B GRANDE DE M…XICO"!
   El Sol de Hidalgo 28 de junio de 2009
   Por Daniel Reyes "El Gallo" Lucio (Locutor de 98.1 FM)

Pachuca, Hidalgo.- Queridos lectores, no est·n ustedes para saberlo, pero desde los aÒos 40 con mi radiecito de galena, y hasta la fecha con la tecnologÌa moderna, por las noches escucho la "B Grande" y otras muy importantes estaciones de radio, y naturalmente desde hace 15 que retornÈ a mi pueblo, como devociÛn escucho la XHBCD, Hidalgo Radio 98.1 FM, considerada por mÌ como "un oasis en el cuadrante pachuqueÒo", ya que tiene una vasta programaciÛn cargada de fresca informaciÛn cotidiana, cultura y m˙sica para satisfacer a todos los gustos de todas las edades.

Dentro de las entregas para "Recordar es volver a vivir", hemos contado a travÈs de El Sol de Hidalgo algo sobre las historias de algunas radiodifusoras; y si ustedes lo permiten, hoy lo dedicamos a la XEB.

AquÌ esta lo que encontrÈ y lo que recuerdo: [long history of XEB 1220 recounted by an announcer at a Pachuca station] Fuente: http://www.oem.com.mx/elsoldehidalgo/notas/n1222124.htm
(via Yimber GavirÌa, Colombia, DXLD)

** MEXICO [and non]. Es opening on TV June 30, UT: 1530 on channel 4 Top Cat, Spanish dubbed, color, appear to be subtitles too? XHGC-5 network programming. At 1703 Top Cat also seen on channel 2, but at 1734 in Daffy Duck instead, also net-5. 1734 on 3, variety/game show in Spanish with people imitating penguins.

1822 on ch 4, Large XHMEN-TV ID upper-right during Looney Tunes. MÈrida, Yucat·n again.

Back at 1615 on channel 2, audio broke thru QRM briefly mentioning ``los cinco anti-terroristas``, which is Cuba`s number one catch-

phrase. Cuban TV is rare here compared to MÈxico, as distance to Habana is over 2 megameters (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONACO [non]. Re 9-049, 1467 kHz: Basically the new pattern aims at Morocco and Algeria. Previously this was a cardioid, almost 150 degrees broad if I recall correct (Kai Ludwig, Germany, June 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

In the USA we can look up the pattern(s) of any MW station easily on the FCC website. Is there any such central reference in Europe, or a DX publication like the NRC Pattern Book? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See PUBLICATIONS

** MONGOLIA [and non]. 12085: Two stations in English. 1530-1534 heard Voice of Mongolia and Iran (close/down at 1534) on 13/6. Checked on next days same situation, maybe there is some automatically in the transmitter operation in Iran (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF 2001, Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

Iran does have English at 1530, but supposed to be on 7305 and 9600, from two different sites, so no mixing product possible there.

Here`s the real explanation: a sloppy overrun of IRIB`s Bengali broadcast via Kamalabad, indeed scheduled 1430-1530 on 12085 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO. 9575, MÈdi 1 / R MediterranÈe Internationale, 6/25/09 0620-0650. Tuned in to ads in French and Arabic followed by YL in Arabic playing North African-Middle Eastern music until 0630, when an OM in French gave a MÈdi 1 ID. This was followed by news with correspondent reports and actualities. At 0640 another ad cluster was played along with Medi 1 ID's. An OM talking in French followed until 0650 when more ads and MÈdi 1 promos were heard. Signal was fair to poor (Bruce Barker, Broomall, PA, NRD535D and an Alpha Delta DX Sloper antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. On July 2, 2009 I will be announcing the winners of the 2 shortwave radios I'm giving away.
0100 UT - The winner for the Sangean ATS-606A
1500 UT - The winner for the Sangean ATS-909

Also starting July 2 Happy Station will be weekly. 2 different shows each week at 0100UTC and 1500UTC Thursdays. (Keith Perron, Taiwan, June 24, dxldyg via DX LISTEING DIGEST)

June 26, 2009 Press Release

Since the revival of Happy Station March 12, 2009 the response has been incredibly positive I can now announce phase two. Starting July 2, 2009 the transmissions at 0100 and 1500 UT will not be re-broadcast the following week, but will be two new shows. The only occasions that 0100 and 1500 will be the same is when it's a special program. Some of the upcoming special programs will be:

Happy Station's Tribute To Dxers Part 2
A tribute To Edward Startz
Happy Station with Steve Lawrence
Happy Station with Bob McGrath
Happy Station's Happy Birthday to Radio Australia
Happy Station From Japan
Happy Station Classic Moments
And much more. For details on broadcast dates stay tuned

For more information please feel free to contact me at anytime. The email is pcj.happystation @ gmail.com Also come join the FACEBOOK page and my blog at http://www.blogger.com Phase 3 for happy Station to be announced soon (Keith Perron, PCJ Media, press release via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

On July 9th for the 1500 UT transmission of Happy Station I'm doing a feature on the first commercial radio station in South Africa called Springbok Radio that first went on air in 1950 and lasted until 1985. Lots of clips, plus an interview with one of the new hosts of the New Springbok Radio that began last year (Keith Perron, Taiwan, July 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 15315.0, 0015-0019 29/6, Radio Nederland Wereldomroep, Bonaire, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, (Spanish) falas de OMs com entrevista a convidado. 45444 (Antonio Laurentino Garcia, Jo„o Pessoa - PB, Brasil, HI22nu, R·dio IC R1500 - Antenas: 730-V1a e 3DX3, HCDX via DXLD) ?? what became of the YFR test in English? (gh, DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Surprised to hear unscheduled Spanish on 15580, June 30 at 1308, interview about Honduras and Zelaya`s plan to reclaim his office, soon IDed as ``La Matinal de Radio Nederland para las AmÈricas``, into another interview with a Buenos Aires professor. But cut off abruptly at 1314:30*, back on at *1318-1325* when cut off abruptly again as the topic had shifted to US pullout from Iraq; still off when I quit monitoring at 1335.

What`s going on here? Like RHC, has RNW added more transmissions because of the Honduran crisis? RN does not normally have Spanish at this hour on any frequency, ending at 1227 on 9715, 9895 both Bonaire. The only appearance of 15580 on RNW`s current schedule is for the WYFR English test at 0001-0158, but previously used during that bihour for

RNW`s own Spanish. Perhaps this was just a test or a total mistake; controlled by a timer with am and pm upmixed? However, VOA uses 15580 later from S„o TomÈ and Botswana, so this could also have emanated thence, or even Greenville as quite a strong, steady signal. The audio was somewhat lower-fi, I thought, than we are accustomed to from Bonaire (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This was an unscheduled one-off transmitter test from Bonaire. Due to an earlier technical problem, our engineers wanted to reproduce the exact same conditions to identify the cause (Andy Sennitt, Hilversum, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. When I was a kid and learning about DXing, I used to sometimes pull in a station in the Netherlands Antilles. I think it was called PJB and I vaguely recall it did Christian broadcasting. Am I remembering correctly-- did anyone else ever catch this station late at night? (Donna Halper, June 26 ABDX via DXLD)

Kralendijk is the capital of Bonaire; a pleasant little town of maybe 5000 people at the center of the island.

The AM 800 transmitter is on the salt flats south of Kralendijk, near the famous "pink beach." When TWR was doing shortwave from Bonaire, it was from the AM site - the service was discontinued around 1995, as I saw the empty room where the transmitters had been on my 1996 visit.

The RN shortwave transmitter and offices are at a separate location north of Kralendijk, as is TWR's studio/office complex. Beautiful island. I'd love to have an excuse to go back! s (Scott Fybush, ibid.)

Scott nailed the town, and locations. Radio Neederlands (taking the liberty to affectionately spell it phonetically) is indeed a seperate site. I didn't head there, but I understood it was essentially, north and westerly of the main town, an extension of the direction where the PJB Studios and offices are located. Scott, did you ever get my PJB four tower array and studio/office building photos back aroud 2001-ish?? (Ron Gitschier, Tending to STL issues, FL, ibid.)

Sometimes, PJB did secular programming as well. I remember hearing a program on Carole King one evening around sunset, during the period her "Tapestry" album was a hit. The secular programming had a PBS/CBC feel (Brian Goodrich, Greensboro, NC, ibid.)

Of course it was religious --- it was and is owned by Trans World Radio, super-Christian missionaries. In the early years, Radio Netherlands also bought some time on the 800 kHz transmitter. I believe this was before their own Bonaire relay on SW was ready to start operating. This may well have been the `secular` CBC/NPR type

programming heard on the frequency. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

I'll bet that's right. I certainly remember references to Radio Netherlands (Brian Goodrich, Greensboro, NC, ibid.)

BTW, PBS is a TELEVISION network, so why do people keep referring to it as radio? Further, the S in PBS stands for SERVICE, but about half the time anyone mentions it, even those in the broadcast industry who should know better, it comes out as SYSTEM (gh)

And why aren't they 500 kW anymore? Money, mostly - they were generating their own electricity at the site, and it was getting increasingly expensive for limited returns. TWR's South American coverage is now handled mainly by satellite and local FM relays, as I understand it (Scott Fybush, ABDX via DXLD)

Pretty much the state of Christian radio today - clinging to a hopelessly outdated ideal of what Christian music should be, what Christian programming should be. Therefore totally ineffective at reaching the lost souls they want to reach. No listeners = no donations = no souls saved.

Those few of us who programmed to the younger demographics that actually CAN be reached and who WILL support Christian radio are soon ostracized right out of radio by older, more conservative elements that think they need to reign in the younger generation and force them to listen to hymns, Southern gospel, or other "acceptable" music.

I brushed the dust off my feet as I walked out of a Christian station for the last time - ICHABOD. By the way, that station's audience went up by a factor of 100 when I was on the air. I have a log of over 7000 calls, including prevented suicides, numerous salvations (which should be the focus of Christian radio), etc. The vast majority from ages 12 to 34 (Bruce Carter, June 28, ABDX via DXLD)

I have Been There Done That and got the knife scars in my back to prove it. But I will have to say Mediatrix (WCKI & WQIZ) is VERY good to me, and the stations are on the Grow. It is the FIRST Christian radio station I have worked for that actually acted like Christians. 73, (Kevin in Upstate SC KJ4HYD, ibid.)

I don't think I said anything at all about TWR's programming, about which I have no opinion. My remarks were limited to distribution - whatever it is that they're broadcasting to South America, they seem to believe they can get it to its target audience more efficiently by way of satellite delivery to local FM stations in the areas they're seeking to reach, instead of generating power for a 500 kW AM transmitter that may or may not have been putting a clean signal deep

into South America. s (Scott Fybush, ibid.)

Being Jewish, I have no horse in this race whatsoever, but I think it's a valid topic for those who are interested in how programming decisions are made. I see the same schism in secular music -- some stations over-segmentalized themselves and focused on such a limited playlist of "safe" songs and such a narrow demographic that they drove potential listeners away. There are all too many stations that think their duty is to ONLY be a vehicle for the sponsors, rather than giving the listeners what makes them happy so that they will listen more (Donna Halper, ibid.)

Re: Play what the listeners want - was - PJB question

Hoo boy.... We had this argument on Broadcast a while back and this same argument got me tossed more or less out of NRC. That and someone on NRC couldn't figure out that I was not the one who said F*** Y** on the mail list. (the guy who did say it was not saying "free yam.")

There was a fellow who you probably find around who was a VP for HBC and his argument was that radio existed for the advertisers and the listeners didn't matter because they did not pay the bills. The same guy who said he would run over his Drake R8B with his truck.

Anyway, what some couldn't figure out is that without listeners, there would be no advertisers. He did have one very salient point though, radio does not exist for DXers. You can take that to the bank. That the station gets out sometimes to Mars and back, that is not very important to most of them. Some even think that its illegal that their stations get out that far but that`s for a different message (Kevin Redding, TN, ibid.)

I have two cards from Bonaire. One, unsigned, from my reception of the Radio Nederland relay on 800 kHz on 16 Oct 1969. The other is signed by Saralyn Flaming (sic) and is for my reception of TWR's relay on 800 kHz on 05 Jun 1977. The transmitter site was Kralendijk. 73, (Steve N5WBI Ponder, Houston TX, ibid.)

** NEW ZEALAND. RADIO NEW ZEALAND CHARTER MARRED BY FREEZE
Thursday, 25 June 2009, 11:41 am
Press Release: New Zealand Labour Party Media Statement

The welcome introduction of a bill renewing Radio New Zealandís charter is marred by a freeze on its funding, says Labourís broadcasting spokesman Brendon Burns. Broadcasting Minister Jonathan Coleman last night introduced the Radio New Zealand Amendment Bill, which updates the state radio companyís charter and reinforces its position as an independent, commercial-free provider. . .

http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PA0906/S00349.htm
(via Dale Park, Oahu, June 28, DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. For those DXing Nightlight loops in the twilight of the analog era, I note that KJRH, channel 2, Tulsa, visibly inserts its slogan ID periodically, ``2 Works for You``, e.g. at 1404 UT June 25. O, I see this station is scheduled to turn off as of June 26! For the first time in 55 years, Tulsans will be able to TVDX on prime channel 2. Before 1700 UT unID Es DX was starting to come in here on 2, and KJRH is easy to override at this distance.

During the transition, I got KJRH-DT on channel 56 a number of times, but that`s now off-limits, and their permanent DT is channel 8, which I guess is already going, with KTUL moved to DT channel 10. KJRH ERP on 56 was 800 kW, while on 8 it`s only 15.9! What are they thinking? (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6/25 Es (edt): 2237 *KJRH-2 OK Tulsa NL with "...works for you" caption seen by stroke of luck. Thanks to Glenn Hauser for the specific slogan ID tip! *=new logging (Fred Nordquist, Moncks Corner, SC, WTFDA via DXLD)

KJRH, channel 2, Tulsa, still going with Nightlight NAB video about DTV, alternating Spanish/English, at 1351 UT June 26, the date it`s supposed to conclude on this and many other stations, two weeks after the June 12 analog closedown (tho some keep going until July 12 or miscellaneous dates between). I expect most of them will turn this off without any fanfare (or much notice in their local markets), whenever they get around to it.

With antenna pointed toward Tulsa, June 27 at 1445 UT, now no sign of KJRH on analog 2, so Nightlight must have been turned off as scheduled sometime June 26, when I was still seeing it (I think) at 1351 UT. Originally KVOO-TV, then KTEW for a while. Era-ending whimper, not bang. KOCO-5 OKC continues with the NAB DTV loop (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also U S A

** OKLAHOMA [non]. Oklahoma Mystery and some other tropo --- Early this morning I had an analog channel 40 with an outdoor show with a promo for KXOC-TV 41 and weather for Oklahoma from KBSI-TV in Oklahoma City. Signal was steady with good color. Other ads for Oklahoma.

Strong local tropo with analogs on channel 15 from Manhattan, KS (KTMJ-43) and channel 51 from Salina, KS (KAKE-10) and channel 53 with ads from Wichita. TBN 28 was in from Kirksville, MO and two new regular stations in WCIA-DT 48 Champaign, IL and WRSP-DT 44 from Decatur, IL. Numerous repeats from Iowa and Nebraska (Dave Pomeroy, Topeka, Kansas, June 27, WTFDA via DXLD)

Dave, Must be KFVT-LP, the KSBI (not KBSI) relay in Wichita:
http://www.ksbitv.com/news/coveragearea
http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/tvq?list=0&facid=38217
73, (Glenn Hauser, Enid, ibid.)

Thanks, Glenn. That has to be it. With Oklahoma City weather and other mentions of Oklahoma I assumed it must be from Oklahoma. I didn't realize KSBI-TV had a translator in Kansas. I have received KSBI-TV and DT several times. Do we need a border fence? (Dave Pomeroy, Topeka, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [non]. KFRM, 550, Salina KS, 5 kW with its huge daytime groundwave signal over superb conductivity, almost qualifies as a local here. Sat June 27 around 2210 UT I noticed old-time-radio in progress, so checked out their program schedule:
http://www.kfrm.com/KFRM%20programs.pdf

Every commercial station should publish such a detailed schedule, even including 1-minute features. This was ``When Radio Was``, the major syndicated OTR show, at 2200-0100 into UT Sundays; also runs in shorter segments certain weekdays around the same time.

As the call implies, the emphasis is on farming and agriculture, lots of market reports, etc., but it`s really a full-service station of which so few are left on domestic radio today, including specific segments for Oklahoma and even Colorado. It seems there are no long-form talk shows, the closest being ``Rural Route``, M-F at 1930-2030. Listened to that a bit on June 29: topix rambled from states` rights to Michael Jaxon; not too impressed. Inspect the schedule.

Since night power is only 110 watts, they just replay daytime programming (no specific details) at 0000-1200 UT, and KFRM also streams via http://www.mbcwebradio.com/kfrm.asx
(Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. My local, KGWA, 960, Enid, with open carrier after Jim Bohannon, during news on the hour, 0502 UT June 27, allowing me to detect a 2.4 Hz subaudible het and something sounding like Spanish, so most likely XEK in Nuevo Laredo. This was on a fixed-position radio, so I got a portable to try to null KGWA carrier further, but before I could, modulation blasted on again at 0505 after the news hole, and I do mean hole, but no loss as it would have been Fox! This behavior is not unusual for KGWA, where no one is paying attention, it being a mere unattended appendage of KOFM, so I may have many more chances (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140, 1430 May 27, R. Sultanate of Oman, timesignal, ID,

news of N Korea threats, English, SIO 122 [sic] (David Gascoyne, Kent, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Radio Oman 15355 kHz June 23 at 0305 UT with News in English. ID was given but I'm not positive. Into lively Western pop music program (t/c for 7:35 at 0435 UT) and phone-in quiz to identify song clips. Finally a nice "Radio Sultanate of Oman" ID at 0442 UT. Someone tripped over the cord at 0347 putting the transmission off the air --- until 0352 UT but the peak was going down. Killed at 0400 with BBC via Oman "crash" Sign/on. Boy, I wish Radio Oman was a strong as BBC Oman! Fair.

OMAN: BBC 15360 kHz with "crash" Sign On in English June 23 at 0400 with News. EX[cellent?] (Mick Delmage, Sherwood Park, AB, Icom R71a, KLM 7-30MHz Log Periodic, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. I have now received a printed copy of R. Pakistan`s external and domestic services. There is no longer any listing for Peshawar or Quetta and so I assume the SW transmitters there are now definitely closed.

However, Islamabad (Rewat) API-8 100 kW is listed as carrying Regional Programme Rawalpindi-III (listed Pindi-III programme) via 4790 at 0045-0215 and 1445-1815, and on 7265 at 0900-1215. The same programme also via Rawalpindi (10kW) on 4790 at 0230-0425 and 1335-1430.

I think these timings will actually be 1 hour earlier due to DST. There are no longer programmes in Balti or Sheena listed, and of course their schedules never list the Kashmir clandestine transmissions (Noel Green, England, Jun 15, DSWCI DX Window June 24 via DXLD) I have not heard Islamabad (Rewat) on 4790 since June 2008! (DXW Ed. Anker Petersen, Denmark, ibid.)

** PAKISTAN. 11565, 1501 24/06, R Pakistan, English, desde Islamabad API-6, com 250 kW, OM conversa em um inglÍs eu diria bem paquistanÍs, as 1504 UTC OM diz ìRadio Pakistanî, sinal melhorando, nova ID ‡s 1510 UT por YL, curta mx paquistanesa e OM volta a falar com outro ao que parece por telefone, sinal comeÁa a degradar e parece que o OM n„o continua mais a falar em inglÍs, segundo a EIBI seria 15 minutos de programa em inglÍs, (uma caracterÌstica da fase que passamos, uma abertura ou melhora r·pida da propagaÁ„o) 35433 (Jorge Freitas, Bahia, Brasil, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

11565, R. Pakistan, Islamabad. English news and comment, bad modulation here and on // 9375 from 1500 to 1514 (sign/on and close/down) on 13/6 and no traces of // on 60 mb (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF 2001, Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** PAKISTAN. Logs 27th June at Litohoron using DE1102 window mesh as antenna and grounded using mains adapter: 15060, Pakistan, 1308 with qur`anic preaches, 455x3, strongly distorted audio, and spurs on 15085 and 15065 (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

?? This does not appear in schedules, except that Pak has registered 15070 until 1300 in Chinese, 15065 from 1330 in Urdu (gh, DXLD)

** PAKISTAN. 17835, R. Pakistan logs: 1000 1 June, OM ID, news, poor audio quality, English, SIO 544 (Christopher Shorten, Norfolk, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) 1001 10 June, YL with world news in English, SIO 232 (Richard Thurlow, Suffolk, ibid.)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3385, R. East New Britain, 1204-1226, June 26. News in English and Tok Pisin; ads in English (ìcoca cola give awayî and investment company ìlocally owned in Rabaulî); DJ in Tok Pisin giving dedications and playing pop songs; several mentions of ìNBCî; almost fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA [and non]. times in UT, June 29 2009
3260, [no time] R. Madang; M anmts, interview then W in local lang
3315, 1139 R. Manus, M in local lang w/anmts
3325, 1138 R. North Solomons, lite pop/vocal music
3335, 1137 R. East Sepik; sports by M in English, then anmts by M in
local lang, lite vocal music
3385, 1137 R. East New Britain, Rabaul; anmts by M in local lang.

3925, 1134 JAPAN R. Nikkei, strong with classical music

3975, 1133 W in language with interview, anmts, sounds like INDO?
[should be 3976, a giveaway --- gh]
3995, 1133 unID M in lang, sounds like INDO?

I don't think that the 3975 and 3995 signals were SPURIOUS signals, but it was a fairly good morning to Papua-New Guinea! (Steven C. Wiseblood, Brownsville TX (2 miles from Boca Chica Beach), Radio Shack DX-399, 150' center fed LW, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Steve, Nice to see someone else was also enjoying the above average PNG reception today. Recently they had been doing fairly well, but today was the best so far! (Ron Howard, ibid.)

3305, R. Western (presumed), 1210-1218, June 29. One of the strongest PNG stations heard today. In English; religious talk/sermon; religious song in English (ìWe Are the Childrenî); DJ with ìMonday night dedicationsî; reads dedications and played pop songs; almost fair.

3345.0, R. Northern/R. Oro (presumed), 1239-1248, June 29. Weak and QRM from RRI; pop songs (Eagles singing ìTake It Easyî); too weak to determine language used by DJ. Not often I catch this one.

3385, R. East New Britain (presumed), 1249-1305, June 29. In Tok Pisin; DJ playing dedications and pop songs (ìI Ainít Missing Youî; Eagles with ìHotel Californiaî, etc.); ads in English and Tok Pisin (ìCoca Cola, the number one soft drinkî); promo for contest; mentions ìNBCî. Almost fair.

Plus a scan from 1220 to 1230, June 29 (presumed PNG):
3220 ñ pop music.
3260 ñ island music, dedication show in Tok Pisin.
3275 ñ a long speech in Tok Pisin. Several checks here in recent days found them off-the-air.
3315 ñ in Tok Pisin.
3325 ñ pop music under RRI.
3335 ñ island music, dedication show in Tok Pisin.
3365 ñ pop song in English.
3905 ñ pop music.
(Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, NASWA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DXLD)

3385, NBC, R. East New Britain, 0936-1012 June 30, At tune in noticed a weak signal here with a male in comments. A automatic type signal was also noted on this frequency making copy of ENB difficult. The signal improved slightly during the period however. Before the hour, a couple of minutes of music was heard. After the hour a female joined the program and she and a male talked together. The signal never improved well enough to even identify the language here (Chuck Bolland, Montura, Florida, 27.27N 80.56W, HF 1000, HCDX via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3335, R East Sepik, 1240-1305, July 1. In Tok Pisin and English; list of contest prizes (40î color TV, mountain bike, mobile phone, etc.); frequencies for SW and FM (90.7 MHz); bird call; ìGood night Papua New Guinea. The News Roundupî (the state is challenging a decision to suspend, for medical reasons, the sentence of former chairman of the National Gaming and Control Board, Daniel Mapiri, who was convicted and sentenced in 2004 for misappropriation of over 3M Rupiah, etc.). The decent reception of PNG stations continues. 3905 also doing well today (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4746.08, Radio Huanta 2000, Huanta, Ayacucho noted at 2330

4826.45, Radio Sicuani, Sicuani was there, in LSB with steady signal

4835.42, Radio MaraÒÛn, Jaen, 1020 with rooster crowing, modern music, one almost hip hop, "conocer ... programa de ... alegrÌa ... telÈfono 9-0-7-...." Strongest Peru on 60 meters 24 June.

4857.50, Radio La Hora, Cusco with music, good signal at 2310 to 2330. 22 June

5039.19, Radio Libertad, JunÌn, 1030-1045 OM in between music selections, reliable signal but not ever heard 2300 to 0200. 24 June

6173.8, Radio Tawantinsuyo, Cusco seems silent or overwhelmed by co-channel stations. 73s (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida US, June 25, NRD 535D ~ Drake R8, Noise reducing antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4746.9, Radio Huanta 2000, Huanta, 2247-2254, 23-06, locutor, espaÒol, comentario, anuncios comerciales. 24322.

4955, Radio Cultural Amauta, Huanta, 2241-2306, 23-06, locutor, espaÒol, comentario religioso: "SeÒor mira por nosotros", canciones religiosas, comentario en quechua. A las 2300: "Bienvenido a este programa". 24222.

4794.8, Radio del PacÌfico, Lima, 0516-0528, 24-06, locutor, espaÒol, comentario religioso. Muy dÈbil. SÛlo en LSB. 15321.

6019.6, Radio Victoria, Lima, 0559.0620, 24-06, locutor, espaÒol, programa religioso, "La Voz de la LiberaciÛn", canciones religiosas. 24433 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW7600G, Antena de cable, 10 metros. Escuchas realizadas en Reinante, Mar Cant·brico, provincia de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6019.29, R. Victoria, 0305-0325, June 24. The usual long winded, impassioned, raspy voiced preacher (David Miranda); in assume portuÒol = espaÒuguÍs, per DXLD 8-130; best in LSB; mostly fair; // 9720 (fair-poor) and // R. Tupi (Brazil) on 6060 (poor, under Cuba) (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6019.30l, Radio Victoria, 0915-0945 June 29, Noted a male in Spanish language religious comments. No other program details heard. Plenty of interference heard here (Chuck Bolland, Rcvr: Watkins Johnson HF1000, Ordinary Dipole of unknown length, Montura, Florida, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. Radio Vision [4790v] still off the air since about the 23rd of June. Watkins Johnson hf1000 (Chuck Bolland, FL, June 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio VisiÛn was Nil Heard today on 4790 KHz, June 29, 2009.

RRI Fak Fak [INDONESIA] was Nil Heard today on 4790 KHz, June 29, 2009 (Chuck Bolland, Rcvr: Watkins Johnson HF1000, Ordinary Dipole of unknown length, Montura, Florida, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4790, Radio VisiÛn, June 30, 2350-0003, Noted music at tune in. However, at 2352 noted a canned ID by a female. This is followed with live Spanish comments by a male. Another canned ID by a female at 2355: "Radio VisiÛn ...." over music. Signal was fair. Live comments and more music into the new day. Haven't heard this station since June 22 or 23 (Chuck Bolland, Montura, Florida, HF1000, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL. Cantando, Espalharei È o nome de interessante programa da R·dio Portugal que vai ao ar, nos domingos, a partir de 1810, no Tempo Universal, em 15465 kHz. Na ediÁ„o de 22 de marÁo, Jo„o Maria Tudela apresentou v·rias m˙sicas que foram proibidas de serem executadas em Portugal durante a ditadura salazarista (CÈlio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX June 28 via DXLD) Espalhar: spread, scatter about, disperse (Langenscheidt Portuguese-English dixionary via gh, DXLD)

** QATAR. Al Jaz on shortwave? Hi Glenn, Jerusalem Post has reprinted what this writer wrote about Al Jazeera, including a new shortwave service. Have you heard anything about Al Jaz on shortwave? 73 Kim http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=6548

http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1245924926808&pagename=JPost%2FJPArticle%2FShowFull (Kim Elliott, to gh, June 27, via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DXLD)

Kim, No, I haven`t but that is certainly intriguing. Don`t see anything likely in recent changes, tho it could be something hidden under some relay/broker listing (Glenn to Kim, via DXLD)

The JPost article is certainly enlightening and troubling about AlJaz. Watching PBS` WORLD FOCUS almost every afternoon, we can`t help but notice that amongst their partners, Al Jaz (almost?) always sets the lead story; June 29, Honduras (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

"Al-Jazeera, the still-popular Qatari pan-Arab satellite television channel, is concentrating mostly on the official Iranian version of events, while trying to have it both ways. Its English-language edition includes occasional close-ups of Iranian demonstrators and victims of the regime, along with some reprinted columns critical of Tehran. But the Arabic programs and website -- the ones that matter in the region -- almost never contain such material, instead giving pride of place to Iranian government allegations of foreign-media or other nefarious interference in Iran's internal affairs." David Pollock and Mohammad Yaghi, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, 26 June

2009 (via kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** QATAR. DIRECTOR OF DOHA CENTRE FOR MEDIA FREEDOM DEPARTS, CITING LACK OF PRESS FREEDOM IN QATAR

"Robert Menard, the director-general of the Doha Centre for Media Freedom, on Tuesday quit the organisation, launching a tirade against the Qatar in which he accused the government of 'suffocating' the centre. Menard, a prominent press freedom advocate who was previously secretary-general of Reporters Without Borders, said the government muzzled the Doha Centre from speaking out about media repression in Qatar, restricted its employeesí movement and withheld funding.

'How can we have any credibility if we keep quiet about problems in the country that is our host? Now the centre has been suffocated. We no longer have either the freedom or the resources to do our work. This cannot go on,' Menard said in a statement." Maktoob Business, 24 June 2009. See also Doha Centre for Press Freedom press release, 23 June 2009. And The National, 19 June 2009. Posted: 27 Jun 2009 (see http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=6856 for linx, via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Dear Glenn, Recently I read on the Shortwavesites SW Radio Transmitter Site Archive 704, 705 for April 2008 about some confusion with the names Vladivostok - Razdolnoje (or Ussurijsk - Razdolnoje) transmitter sites. Because you were involved in the debate of this topic, I decided to write to you, though it's a bit late.

My sister in-law, who left Russia for Canada about 10 years ego, lived in Ussurijsk quite a long time and she knows that region pretty well. And here's what she told me:

Most of the place-names there still bear Ukrainian background - Razdolnoje, Tavrichanka, Chernigovka, Poltavka - etc. - as a result of Stalin's repression of the Ukrainian nation for the active resistance against collectivization in the 30's, when hundreds of thousands Ukrainians were forcibly moved to the Far East and Siberia.

The name Tavrichanka comes from Tavria - an ancient name of Crimea, now Ukraine, and Ukrainian toponymic Razdolnoje could be translated like wide open area. A big village, Razdolnoje is located between two cities of Vladivostok and Ussurijsk about 50 km from each other and famous for being the longest village.

About 10 years ego my sister in-law could see the huge radar complexes installed there during the Cold War as part of the defence system to scan the Pacific region [OTHR on HF, presumably --- gh]. Not so far from them there are SW Broadcast transmitting antennas.

It's necessary to mention that this area always in Soviet times chronically suffered from a shortage of energy (electricity particularly) and even now little changed. But it was never for military objects like radar. This is possibly why nowadays 19 out of 30 hours weekly transmission come from Razdolnoje.

I think that the source of confusion with the names was because of the geographical location of Razdolnoje just in between two cities. The minor town of Razdolnoje may gravitate to the major city of Vladivostok rather than to Ussurijsk just in the minds of Russian bureaucrats. In accordance with Administrative Division both Razdolnoje and Tavrichanka neither belong to Vladivostok nor to Ussurijsk. But Tavrichanka is closer to Vladivostok.

That, I believe, was in the minds of the Russians who gave the registration data about their yearly transmissions. When I read, for example, on the A09 - 7330 kHz - 2 hours from Vladivostok - Razdolnoje and 2 from Ussurijsk - I'm sure that all 4 hours of transmissions are coming from the same transmitter in Razdolnoje, despite that they put slightly different coordinates.

The last could be explained by remains of former Soviet mentality to give just false coordinates for the sites on official maps. So, I can give my verdict: 'Vladivostok - Razdolnoje' and 'Ussurijsk' are synonyms for the same transmitter site in Razdolnoje. I hope, this information would be interesting to some DXers. Sincerely, (Lev Lytovchenko, June 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. What a shame that Voice of Russia, which gives North America only ONE frequency in English at 0400-0600, is running a transmitter with muffled and distorted modulation. Despite big signal, S9+20, 13775 via Vladivostok could be so much crisper and clearer. If it had been, I would have kept listening to some great Orthodox music at 0533 UT Sat June 27 instead of ontuning (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Escuta n„o identificada --- 7225, 0028-0033 26/06 - N„o identificada, em dado momento ouve-se com perfeiÁ„o "Radio Baixoi Strame", ou algo que se assemelhe, a grafia n„o deve ser essa. H· dias venho tentando identifica-la sem sucesso. Nessa escuta especÌfica consegui sinais espetaculares de atÈ 60 dB com um pouco de QSB. Se alguÈm se habilitar, eu tenho a gravaÁ„o em MP3. Com falas de OMs muito semelhante a uma entrevista, com identificaÁ„o conforme acima, mas n„o encontro em lista alguma. SINPO 55444 (Antonio L. Garcia, Jo„o Pessoa - PB - IC R1500/IC 706MKIIG, Antena 730-V1a (40/20/15/10 metros), HCDX via DXLD)

Yes, I`d like to hear the mp3. DXLD 9-043 had this:

RUSIA, 7225, Voz de Rusia, 0140-0145, escuchada el 25 de mayo en ruso, ID ìGosdka Rossii Radioî, ìprogram Culturaî, emisiÛn musical, locutor con noticias, en paralelo por 7260 y 7285, SINPO 35433

*Nuevo servicio?, frecuencia no listada ni en EiBi, Ni en Aoki, ni en WRTH (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), EspaÒa, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7225 is our St. Petersburg, ex-7390 starting from May 20. 73! (Mikhail Timofeyev, Russia, ibid.)

But I wish he had specified its transmission time span; Eibi indicates 0100-0200 only. Other listings before 0100 show Armenia or Moscow site (gh)

Estimado Glenn, Segue cÛpia de escuta realizada em 26/06 entre 0026 e 0033 UT. Grato por sua ajuda (Garcia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ComeÁando ‡s 1:14 tem IDs como ``Golos Rossii`` = Voz da R˙ssia. ``Bolshoi Strane`` quer dizer ``grande paÌs`` ou alguma coisa tal. 73, (Glenn to Antonio, via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. The listed DRM transmissions on 9730 at 0800 UT via Moscow (Russian World Service to Europe) and at 1700 on 9880 via Kaliningrad (Italian followed at 1800 by French) are being heard in analogue instead. A correspondent tells me that German via listed Kaliningrad on 9730 at 1000 UT and Russian at 1300-1400 via Moscow on 9750 have also been operating in analogue.

However, 12055-12060-12065 at 0900 listed via Moscow in English is heard sending in DRM as is 9805-9810-9815 listed Moscow in German at 1700. I also checked 9445 listed via Irkutsk to Asia between 1200 and 1600 and this appeared to be a DRM transmission - I couldn't hear any analogue - but needs to be checked again due local noise (Noel R. Green (NW England), July 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAIPAN. Radio Free Asia, 17880, June 29 at 0530 with ``Palladio`` theme and Chinese discussion, theme heard again at 0541, a regular around this time, daily? As usual, 17880 stronger than // 17615, 15615 via Tinian. 22-second sample of another version of the music, used in diamond commercials: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Palladio.ogg (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAIPAN. KFBS, 11650, June 29 at 1300 in Russian with Radio TeÛs program, giving mailing address backwards, starting with Rossiya and ending with Radio Teos, fair, then M&W discussion. 323 degrees from Marpi.

KFBS, 9920, slow Vietnamese music, woman vocalist at 1321 June 29, S9+18 here tho beamed 278 degrees. BTW, KTWR takes over 9920 at 1400 also in Vietnamese (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 15285, BSKSA Riyadh, 0403, June 24. In assume Swahili with several mentions of Saudi Arabia; into reciting from the Qurían; fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Right now BUZZ is on 11915. Thus this faulty transmitter runs 1200-1455 on 21505, 1500-1700 on 15435 and 1800-2300 on 11915. And where is BUZZ between 0300 and 1155? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, 2132 UT June 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Try 17730 between 0600 and 0855 and 17805 between 0900 and 1155. I don't know before 0600 (Noel R. Green, England, June 26, ibid.)

Correct Noel, The Saudis have 8 powerful 500 kW units at their disposal. Not necessarily on all time segments of the day on air via this faulty unit.

Remaining slot at 3-6 UT: non-dir 9675 til 9 UT, would be heard and checked within Saudi Arabia too ... HQ 15170 and 17895 heard lately without buzz. 17760 Bengali towards SoAS not heard here. Maybe 9715 kHz could be carry a buzz ... Transmission break at 2300-0300 UT. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 17660.0, 1419-1425 30/6, Broadcasting Service of Saudi Arabia, Riyadh, (French) falas de YL com notici·rio, 25433.

21460.0, 1346-1351 30/6, Broadcasting Service of [Kingdom of] Saudi Arabia, Riyadh, (Arabic) falas de OMs, semelhante a uma entrevista a convidado. 35333.

21640.0, 1353-1358 30/6, Broadcasting Service of Saudi Arabia, Riyadh, (Arabic), falas de OMs, semelhante a entrevista a convidado. 55544 (Antonio Laurentino Garcia, Jo„o Pessoa - PB, Brasil, HI22nu, R·dio IC R1500 - Antenas: 730-V1a e 3DX3, HCDX via DXLD)

** SERBIA. 25th Universiade BELGRADE 2009 will start on July 01 and last till July 12. Since many foreigners will arrive in Belgrade at this time, a special temporary FM transmitter begun to operate on 90.2 MHz carrying BBC World Service in English 24/7. Shortly after the Universiade, the transmitter will be switched off.

Official webside of the Universiade is:
http://www.universiade-belgrade2009.org

(Dragan Lekic from Serbia, June 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BBCWS also issued a press release about this with exact scheduling of various languages --- some available only in the nightmiddle, but they are slow to put up releases on their own website. Finally, dated June 30:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2009/06_june/30/belgrade.shtml
(gh, DXLD)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. SIBC: So, the transmitter has been repaired successfully. Schedule 2000-0800 UT 9545 kHz, 0800-2000 5020 (Wolfgang B¸schel, BC-DX June 29 via DXLD)

??? Often heard way past 0800 on 9541.5v; we think it is not using 5020 at all (Glenn Hauser, June 29, DXLD)

** SOMALILAND. Hello from Portugal. I'm following unID station on 7145 kHz, as I write this post since 1810z. Presumed R. Hargeisa/V of Somaliland. Some OM talks and HoA songs. Fair signal but high level of local noise.Can someone check? Thanks (Pedro Turner, June 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I believe nothing else is on there now; we can only dream of it in NAm, as long as there are no morning broadcasts (gh, DXLD)

R. Hargeisa noted with sign-on at 1455 on 7145 12-13 June (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) So evening schedule is probably 1455-1900 UT; best here after 1800 (Dave Kenny, England, ibid.)

7145, 1815 2 June, R. Hargeisa, OM in vernacular, SIO 333 (Richard Thurlow, Suffolk, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)
7145, 1829 3 June, OM with announcements, music on fades, SIO 252 (Steve Calver, Herts., ibid.)
7145, 1846 22 May, local music, OM with talk, NA? Off 1859, vernacular, SIO 343 (Edwin Southwell, Herts., ibid.)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 3320, SAUK/R. Sonder Grense, Meyerton, 2153-2205, 27 Jun, Afrikaans, c&w songs, ballads, religious feature prior to the 2200 newscast; 35332.

9650 ditto, 1350-1445, 27 Jun, Afrikaans, chatter, music, match rpt. at 1400; 24432, adjacent QRM, and deteriorating. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN [non]. Quite a while since my last check of REE`s token Co-official language newscasts, M-F 1240-1255. So June 25 at 1245 tuned

in COSTA RICA relay on 15170, very strong signal such that even its undermodulation was sufficient, as Catalan was ending and Galician was starting with its catchy sea-chanty theme. 1250 into Basque, but as always just the quick open, and close at 1255 are really in Basque, while the body of the segment is in Castilian.

This is really wacky, as the whole point of doing news in co-official languages is to broadcast in those languages, however briefly, isn`t it? It makes one suspect that no one at REE Madrid understands Basque, so the Basques have been instructed to do their news in Castilian, to be sure nothing untoward is conveyed on behalf of terrorists, separatists. OTOH, one can also assume every Basque who might be listening also understands Castilian, certainly not vice-versa.

Despite poor conditions, REE was barely audible on 13m, July 1 at 1320, as usual better on 21610 than // 21570, VP-P with fades during Mediterranean stuff // 17595 just to be sure. Sporadic E opening may have helped out at least on the final hop (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also COSTA RICA

** SRI LANKA. 15745, SLBC, Ekala. // 9770 at 0312 on 5/6, ID in English and the song "Song Sung Blue" by Neil Diamond. But on Sundays almost the all broadcast in English is with different Protestant programs in English, for example on 14/6 at 0147 "Hope For Today" and giving the address: Box 3, [Breezewood] PA 15533, USA (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF 2001, Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

SLBC 15745 kHz at 0150 June 24 with "Back to the Bible" and other US religious programs. Full ID at 0200, then back to another US Bible program. Fair. Much better with morning dedication program reading listeners letters and playing western pop, country tunes at 0215. Good (Mick Delmage, Sherwood Park, AB, Icom R71a, KLM 7-30MHz Log Periodic, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. Radio PEACE Sudan returns to air. Hi Glenn ! I received this e-mail today. 73, (Patrick Robic, Austria, July 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

-------- Original-Nachricht --------
Betreff: Radio PEACE Sudan returns to air
Datum: Wed, 01 Jul 2009 12:34:03 -0400
Von: Peter Stover <pete@edmedia.org>
Organisation: Educational Media Corp.

Radio PEACE 4750 kHz and 5895 kHz has returned to the air after several months of inactivity. We'd appreciate monitoring reports and any information you might have about transmissions. The schedule is as

follows:

4750 kHz [WRTH: 1 kW]:
All times local [UT +3? WRTH 2009 page 70 map shows all of Sudan in UT +2, but the page 71 table and Sudan page shows UT +3 yearound!],

All Christian programs, Mon-Fri [UT: 0230-0415, 1600-1800]
For Southern Sudan and Southern Darfur regions

0530-English
0550-Dinka (M,W,F), Nuer (T,Th)
0610-English/Arabic (Dual language)
0640-Arabic
0655-Juba Arabic
0715-Sign OFF

1900-English
1920-Arabic
1935-Juba Arabic
1955-Dinka (M,W,F), Nuer (T,Th)
2030-English/Arabic
2100-Sign OFF

5895 kHz [WRTH: 4 kW]:
All times local, All Christian programs, M-F [0300-0400, 1500-1600 UT]
For Nuba Mountains and Northern Sudan

0600-English
0615-Arabic
0630-English/Arabic (Dual language)
0700-Sign OFF

1800-English
1815-Arabic
1830-English/Arabic (Dual language)
1900-Sign OFF

Please spread the word! Thanks! Pete Stover, Manager, Radio PEACE
(via Robic, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, ibid.)

** SUDAN [non]. R. Dabanga: see IRAN [non] Zamaneh

** SWEDEN. SWEDISH RADIO TO DROP BELARUSIAN SERVICE

Swedish Radio has decided to discontinue the service in Belarusian, from September 1, 2009. The broadcasts on medium and shortwave began on a test basis in 2004. Elle-Kari H^jeberg, responsible for Swedish Radio's broadcasts in foreign languages, says that since then "there

has been an explosion in other platforms that medium and shortwave".

She adds that Swedish Radio will look for new ways to reach an audience in other parts of the world. Ingemar L^fgren, head of SR International, which also includes Radio Sweden, says his ambition is to strengthen and prioritize other areas within the department. He points out that SR International will continue to broadcast in Russian, a language that is also understood in Belarus. (Source : Radio Sweden via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, June 25, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SWITZERLAND. SRG WILL CLOSE DOWN 765 KHZ, TOO

SRG, Switzerland's public broadcaster, will close down also its last remaining mediumwave outlet on 765 kHz as of 2011.

Abandoning mediumwave is part of a program of cost-saving measures, approved by SRG's administrational council on 22 June. Under this program there will also be no increases of salaries for SRG staff members in 2010. Real estate not directly needed for programming purposes will be sold, others will not see any further investments, besides necessary repairs. The budgets for promoting HDTV and DAB will be decreased.

This program results from an expected increase of SRG's debts from 200 million CHF to 790 million CHF in 2014. It does not solve SRG's financial problems but still leaves a deficit of 40 million CHF per year. This could be eased by increasing the incomes, here SRG suggests not only to raise the licence fees but also to remove certain limits for advertisements, especially the bans to put them on their online services and to disrupt TV shows for spots.

Swissinfo (the remains of Swiss Radio International) will be "optimized", which could possibly mean that it will be eliminated as unit on its own and the website be produced by SRG's existing Bern (German) or Geneve (Rumanian) studios.

As other way to solve the financial problems SRG already suggests other possible cost saving measures. This scenario includes closing down DRS Virus and World Radio Switzerland, cutting costs at the Italian radio stations, limiting the HDTV output and abandoning the Euronews project.

A next step, if this is not enough, would be closing down also one of the Italian radios, Option Musique and DRS Musikwelle, cancelling all HDTV activities and leaving the 3sat (together with Germany's ZDF and Austria's ORF) as well as TV5 (together with France, Belgium's RTBF and Canada's CBC) networks.

SRG press release on the cost saving program:
http://www.srg.ch/125.0.html?
&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=1414&tx_ttnews[backPid]=1

An earlier one about Swissinfo:
http://www.srg.ch/125.0.html?
&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=1407&tx_ttnews[backPid]=1

Neue Z¸rcher Zeitung report:
http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/medien/
die_srg_malt_einen_tiefroten_finanzhorizont_1.2806158.html
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, June 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAHITI [and non]. 738 kHz, presumed Tahiti doing relatively well this morning, peaking at weak/medium at 1210 UT with two men in a discussion. Eventually faded out 1225 UT. 648 very poor with unknown talk, 1207. A few other weak MW hets, but not for the usual 891 and 1116 DU frequencies (Steve Ratzlaff, NE Oregon, R75, longwires, June 29, IRCA via DXLD)

Despite the high A index, 738 presumed Tahiti doing fairly well this morning, peaking at weak level at 1211 UT with two men talking in French. But it went rapidly downhill after that and was only a het at 1216, becoming a poor het after that. Nothing but poor hets for anything else (Steve Ratzlaff, June 30, ibid.)

** TAIWAN. Altho David Frazier, fired by RTI for using naughty words, has been removed from the thumbnails pixuring their English staff, his image still can be found at:
http://english.rti.org.tw/imagedb/20080502/20080502161001.jpg
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. RTI Japanese service, 9735, June 27 at 1254 in open carrier between transmissions, but that didn`t stop the buzzy spurs from marring 9730 China and 9740 BBC Singapore, this time at exactly same pitch meaning that 9735 itself was not off-frequency for a change. 1256 modulation resumed on 9735 with a song (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. Taiwan radio fun facts! --- In some ways the advantages of living in a place that is not recognized by the UN and has only a small handful of diplomatic relations, 23 to be exact can be a good thing. Here in Taipei and the rest of Taiwan, there is less than 10 minutes an hour about MJ. The same as with radio.

Some interesting facts about Taiwan, ROC (Republic Of China) radio & television. Taiwan's population is 23 million people. But yet we have:
1. Seven 24 hour news channels.

2. 200 radio stations.
3. Taipei has 86 satellite trucks for live feeds.
4. 89 pirate stations; a few are low power, but the majority are HP.
5. 187 local channels on cable.
6. Both the AM and FM bands are packed.
7. 2 free off air sex channels (co owned by Japanese companies)
8. A number of shops where you can by both AM and FM transmitters.
9. 1 local English station, 1 local Japanese station, 1 local Korean station
10. 2 fishing radio stations

It's very annoying to listen to radio here.

At Central Broadcasting where I work on one of the domestic channels in Chinese, two floors up is very interesting. They flood [that floor?] has Falun Dafa Radio, Chinese International Radio (broadcast only to China on AM), Freedom Radio (broadcast only to China on AM) and one which seems to change names every few months.

Within the building we call this floor in Chinese "ghost floor", because these are not official Taiwan stations. Or you could say we see them, hear them, but high level officials won't admit to them.

A few years ago there was one interesting station that has since left the airwaves after only 3 years on air. It was called China National Radio; yesm just like China's China National Radio. The station was set up in 1990s to broadcast to China on AM. The staff was made up of Chinese born in China, but who had since got US passports. The idea of the station was to broadcast to China from Taiwan, but make people in China [think] they were listening to CNR. Chinese with US passports were hired, because they had mainland accents. You could say a Chinese version of Radio MartÌ. It was short-lived because the jamming from China was so strong that there was no way to pick it up outside Taiwan, so it was axed.

Do you want to open a radio station here? It's easy. 1 you just need the money; 2 you can start broadcasting without a license. The Ministry Of Communications only take action if you interfere with signals from large stations and airport, police, military transmission.

Last year, Taiwan's largest newspaper, Apple Daily, discovered that pirate stations were generating more revenue than commercial licensed ones (Keith Perron, Taiwan, June 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. AIR RAID TEST IN TAIPEI --- Today from 0530 to 0630 UT, Taipei had an air raid drill in case of an attack from China. At 0530 UT (1:30 PM) alarms sound, and all radio stations run a message saying

"this is a test of the air raid system". This message is repeated over for 1 minute. At the end of this the message is "when this alarm sounds, drivers are to pull over, and pedestrians are to seek shelter". TV stations also run a message at the bottom of the screen.

These drills are held once a year at this time and traffic stops. Even if you`re on an expressway, highway, or any road you are to pull over. Those that don't are fined 20,000NT$. From my roof top the scene is very strange as all the streets are empty.

Here is a video I shot from last years test which was in August just before the sounded the all clear alarm.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14axAXFDWAs
(Keith Perron, Taiwan, June 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Surely Chinese would never really bomb fellow Chinese over petty political differences (gh, DXLD) See also HONDURAS

** TAJIKISTAN. ìVoice of Tajikî was received in Sofia in English with a weak signal at 17 hours on 7245 kHz. Its identification is ìThis is Radio Ovozi Tojikî. They announce that they broadcast one-hour programs in English at 09 and at17 hours on the same frequency, as well as on 1143 kHz to Central Asia. There signal is clearer in Sofia when they start their emission in Russian at 14 hours on 7245 kHz when they announce the following address: Ovozi Tojik, Chapaev 31, Dushanbe 734 025, Tajikistan (Rumen Pankov, R. Bulgaria DX June 26 via DXLD)

** THAILAND. 15275, R. Thailand, 0218-0230, June 24. In English with the ìNews Hourî, but this second broadcast is only half an hour (their first broadcast has the full hour of news); Business News; chimes; BoH into Thai; fair-poor (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S S R. In Soviet Union in 1938 began to completing related transmitters with common power of 1200 kW for broadcasting on one frequency on MW. It is in Kursk but after beginning of German invasion, the facilities are changed to Kuybyshev (ex and now Samara) and the radio monster is building underground and only antennas and the cable with studio in Moscow are over the earth surface. In details there is long matter but only in Russian language. Details on:
http://www.retro.samnet.ru/zapstolica/rvs/index.htm
where zapstolica means reserve capitol by the way (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** U K [and non]. Updated schedule on additional transmissions of BBC in Farsi, with kW / degrees:
0130-0200 on 6095 RMP 500 / 095, 7410 CYP 250 / 090, ex 00-02
0200-0230 on 6095 DHA 250 / 345, 7410 RMP 500 / 095

0330-0430 on 9565 DHA 250 / 345
0430-0600 on 9565 DHA 250 / 345, 11855 CYP 250 / 097, deleted
0830-0930 on 11860 DHA 250 / 345, 15725 CYP 250 / 097, ex 06-12
1230-1400 on 15650 RMP 500 / 095, 17530 RMP 500 / 095, ex 12-14
1400-1500 on 15215 RMP 500 / 095, 17530 RMP 500 / 095
1500-1600 on 13840 RMP 500 / 095, 15550 RMP 500 / 095
1700-1800 on 9810 SNG 250 / 315, 13845 RMP 500 / 095
1800-1900 on 6125 DHA 250 / 345, 13845 RMP 500 / 095
1900-2100 on 5975 NAK 250 / 305, 7270 CYP 250 / 097
2100-2200 on 5875 CYP 250 / 097
2200-2230 on 6185 CYP 250 / 097, ex 22-23
2300-2400 on 5875 CYP 250 / 097, deleted
(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, June 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Petition to: HALT THE PROPOSED ANALOG RADIO SWITCH-OFF
   http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/AM-FM-Radio/

The proposed analog radio switch off disadvantages everyone. It forces you to scrap all your existing radios - and buy DAB sets instead. Car radios, kitchen radios, bedside radios, stereo tuners, all become scrap. And the liberated bandwidth is used for extra services no-one wants - witness the DAB station failures - polluted with advertising, and never again the chance to hear a foreign station by accident. This is not a future I want (Mark Palmer, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD) see also DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB

** U K. BBC REPORTS DETAIL SALARIES, EXPENSES, 'TASTE AND STANDARDS'

The BBC released details of five years' worth of its salaries and expenses, responding to criticism in the wake of the scandal regarding expenses by Members of Parliament and the Digital BRITAIN report proposing "top-slicing" revenues from the license fee and redirecting the money to help competitors offer local news across the country.

The network listed the top-50 salaries among its non-executive-board employees, with the new Director of NORTH OF ENGLAND Operations PETER SALMON, topping the list at between 370,000 and 400,000 pounds.

Among the revelations in the expense report is that Dir. General MARK THOMPSON spent over 3,500 pounds to fly back to LONDON in the middle of vacations interrupted by scandals (including "SACHSGATE"); several purchases of champagne, flowers, and meals at expensive restaurants.

'Taste And Standards' Report Released

The BBC also released its report this week on "taste and standards" in the wake of "SACHSGATE," the controversy that arose after a prank call incident involving RUSSELL BRAND and JONATHAN ROSS on BRAND's now-

canceled BBC RADIO 2 show. The report said that shows "must never condone malicious intrusion, intimidation, and humiliation ... celebrated for the purposes of entertainment."

It also concluded that swearing in the 9-10p hour should be stopped except for good reason; the 9p hour is the first hour of the "watershed" (safe harbor) for otherwise impermissible material. Among the BEEB's properties, RADIO 1 was at the bottom of listener satisfaction ratings regarding taste and standards, with a 19% satisfaction rate, as opposed to BBC1 television, which had a 61% positive rate (June 26, allaccess.com via Brock Whaley, Oahu, DXLD)

** U S A [non?]. US SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND PLANS MORE AIRBORNE FM BROADCASTS

The United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) is conducting a Special Operations Forces (SOF) FM broadcast antenna performance enhancement study to meet the requirement for a commercial FM and military VHF transmission capability. The application for this study is the Long Range Broadcast System (LRBS), a developmental USSOCOM airborne Psychological Operations (PSYOP) radio broadcast pod designed to be carried by either manned or unmanned aircraft to medium altitudes.

To complete the study and consider programming initiatives, USSOCOM requires current industry sources and capabilities information to identify solutions to an airborne FM broadcast requirement for a commercial FM (87.5-108 MHz) broadcast antenna capability, assess technology and manufacturing readiness, and prepare budgetary planning estimates for possible programming initiatives.
More information at FBODaily.com
http://www.fbodaily.com/archive/2009/06-June/28-Jun-2009/FBO-01858320.htm
(June 30th, 2009 - 13:42 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD) Any connexion with the experimental licenses at El Centro?

** U S A. VOA REMINISCING --- Dear OM, With the decline of VOA high powered transmitting from the mainland, Iíve been on a bit of a mission to revisit some of the old broadcasts that were so near and dear to me. I began my shortwave listening in earnest somewhere around 1976 and continued into the early nineties from central Indiana. During that time, VOA broadcasts were a staple, probably due to my proximity to the Bethany Relay Station. I sure wish I had recorded all of my shortwave activities (as if I could have afforded to) because it just never crossed my mind that most all of it would stop some day.

Iím wondering if you have any ideas about how I might be able to revisit some of the old broadcasts. I used to tune in every evening at 00:00Z to listen to ìReport to the Americaísî on 5995kHz and then I

followed the programming that was beamed to Africa throughout the evening until I fell asleep. Of course, I regularly listened to VOA programming throughout the day as well and I miss it all. Care to chat about these old VOA broadcasts? TNX es 73 de ìEbî W9EB (Jan Eberle, June 29, to gh via DXLD)

Hi Eb, I appreciate your sentiments, but one need not reminisce about VOA since it is still on the air extensively, altho not much in English from the only domestic site remaining, Greenville NC.
I am not aware of any audio archive of complete VOA shows from yesteryear, tho who knows, one might be able to search some out. Everything seems to be YouTube.

In case you are not familiar with it, the current VOA English schedule is here: http://www.voanews.com/english/about/frequenciesAtoZ_e.cfm
If you check out those frequencies, you are bound to hear some of them.

Other online schedules can identify the transmitter sites; such as those designated A-09 on my homepage http://www.worldofradio.com
73, (Glenn to Eb, via DXLD)

** U S A. VOA Spanish, 13715, Enfoque Andino segment, June 25 at 1137 with report from someone at VOASAT affiliate R. La Plata, Sucre, Bolivia. I think they were just mentioning its frequency 9715 as I intuned, but I believe that is inactive, varying to 9717 per WRTH; 1139 another one, from Bogot· (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. PERHAPS NOT THE BEST HISTORY LESSON ABOUT INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING

"Reagan understood the corrosive effect that honesty can have on the clumsy facades by which dictatorial governments retain power. In 1982, he initiated a massive overhaul of the antiquated Voice of America (VOA)radio network, expanding its programming, boosting its range and improving its immunity to Soviet jamming. VOA quickly regained its role as an inspiration for dissidents behind the Iron Curtain." Editorial, Calgary Herald, 16 June 2009 (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

That overhaul was so delayed by studies that concluded what everyone had already known, for decades, about shortwave that many of the transmitters didn't came on the air until the Cold War was just about over. While VOA constructed its huge shortwave transmitting site in Briech, Morocco, RFE/RL built a huge shortwave transmitting site at Maxoqueira, Portugal, a scant 450 kilometers away, to transmit in the same languages to the same countries at the same time. Posted: 29 Jun 2009 (Kim Andrew Elliott, ibid.)

** U S A. THIS IS NOT GOOD. "Someone dumped tires, carpets, oil and paint cans in ditches off of Voice of America Road. Itís still there. However, now thereís more vegetation growing over it." WNCT-TV (Greenville NC), 24 June 2009, with link to video report [32 seconds, with advertising trying to cover it] http://www.wnct.com/nct/news/local/article/trash_not_cleared_from_illegal_dumping/43218/
(kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

Near one of the VOA (IBB) shortwave transmitting sites in the vicinity of Greenville (Kim Andrew Elliott, ibid.,. Posted: 26 Jun 2009)

** U S A [non]. RFE/RL & VOA TO EXPAND REACH INTO AFGHANISTAN-PAKISTAN BORDER REGION --- Washington, DC, 06/25/2009

Voice of America (VOA) and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) will receive additional resources to expand critical radio broadcasts to the Afghanistan-Pakistan border region as part of the $106 billion emergency war bill signed today.

With the exception of VOA's Radio Deewa, little independent news and information is available in the volatile border region. Extremist radio stations have proliferated in recent months, and the new programs will bolster current U.S. efforts to provide an alternative source of independent news and information to the Pashto speaking people in Pakistan.

The expanded programming of Radio Deewa, and new programming from RFE/RL's Radio Azadi, will feature a wide range of news, political, and cultural programs with call-in shows and content geared toward women and youth. Programs will be distributed via shortwave, FM and the Internet.

"Radio is a powerful medium. Extremists encouraging violence understand this," said D. Jeffrey Hirschberg, of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) which oversees both VOA and RFE/RL. "Our broadcasts are an antidote to such extremism and we are grateful for the opportunity to expand our programs. They will be central to providing an alternate view, one based on accuracy and balance, which is generally absent from local media."

About Deewa Radio --- Created in October 2006, Deewa Radio targets an estimated 35 million Pashto-speaking people in Pakistan and neighboring Afghanistan, including the NWFP where some 2.5 million people have been displaced as Pakistani military battle Taliban fighters. Deewa also reaches Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and Baluchistan.

Earlier this month, Deewa Radio added three hours of programming in the morning to complement the six hours of evening news and information broadcasts. In addition to news, programs include information about health, shelter, social issues, education, science and culture. The program provides a lifeline to Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) in camps and elsewhere. Up to 300 people per day routinely call in to Deewa Radio programs.

VOA also reaches millions of people daily through its popular radio and TV Ashna in Dari and Pashto, as well as its Urdu radio program Aap Ki Dunya and Beyond the Headlines Urdu television program.

About Radio Azadi --- RFE/RL will launch a new radio program for the Pashto-speaking people of Pakistan, complementing VOA's existing programming to the volatile region. This expands RFE/RL's existing Afghan service, Radio Azadi, the most popular radio station in Afghanistan which reaches more than 50% of the adult population with programs in Dari and Pashto. It was launched in 2001 as part of an effort to build a peaceful and democratic Afghanistan following the ouster of the Taliban (BBG press release via Yimber GavirÌa, Colombia, DXLD, also via Alokesh Gupta, India, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. Miami: WRMI in Spanish (La Rosa de Tokio) with no jamming heard here. I seldom hear 9955 without the Cubans making noise. 9955 with 50 kW at 317 . Relay of Radio Prague in English at 0200z June 30 (Jerry Lenamon, Waco TX, EtÛn E-1, sloper, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. George McClintock reports that the construxion permit for his own SW station Leap of Faith near Nashville, has been granted June 30. Should take at least three months to get this ``labor of love`` on the air, but no big hurry. Much of the equipment is already on hand, and transmitter #1`s time is already sold out. #2 to follow is expected to be 50% in Spanish, roughly 6 pm to 6 am local. Callsign has not been selected yet (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 15825, 2031 22 May [Friday] Glenn Hauser World of Radio, DX news, English, SIO 323 (Colin Watson, Lanarkshire, UK, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

?? What kind of QRM would rate a 2 here? 15825 is supposedly a worldwide clear frequency used only by WWCR (Glenn Hauser, OK, DXLD)

** U S A. WWCR 15825 inbooming already as early as 1131 tune-in June 25, and under Alex Scourby`s ponderous Bible readings, the self-inflicted squeal was quite audible. Best signal by far on 19m, tho VOA

Greenville B also in well on 15390 Creole, 15590 & 13715 Spanish. Means sporadic E had already kicked in, but this morning did not reach VHF channel 2. 13845 WWCR not yet on the air, but it too inboomed after 1200.

WWCR, 13845, strong Es-assisted open carrier, June 26 at 1306; really open, no hum, crosstalk or squeal either. PMS audio finally came up circa 1320.

15825, WWCR was also inbooming with Tony Al·mo, whose ministry has continued unabated during the M-F 13-14 hour despite his legal problems and presumed incarceration pending trial which keeps getting put off, latest date being July 13. This rounds up news about the case: http://www.tonyalamonews.com/

Es opening not strong enough to bring in WWRB 18770 harmonic or anything on channel 2, yet.

WWRB, 18770, fading in and out at 1954 June 26, weak signal with Brother Scare, 2 x 9385 tnx to sporadic E.

I urge others to hunt for harmonix of US SW stations during this Es season. WWRB seems to be the prime radiator, and 18+ MHz a prime range. I`m not going to figure out all the possible second harmonix of 9 MHz stations in the daytime, but frequent thorough bandscans 18-25 MHz at least could be productive.

WYFR with its dozen Okeechobee transmitters would seem a good target in much of the USA beyond the short-skip zone from the Floridic appendage, but I can`t recall ever hearing a WYFR harmonic, where suppression must be well-managed.

Most stations` lower fundamentals are not on the air in the daytime, but Es also happens in the evening, even late at night when you would expect 18+ MHz to be dead.

Here are the most likely frequency ranges; keep your calculator handy:
17235-18585 = 3 x 5745-6195
18530-19960 = 2 x 9265-9980
21945-23190 = 3 x 7315-7730
22980-24780 = 4 x 5745-6195
23020-24320 = 2 x 11510-12160
27140-27690 = 2 x 13570-13845
27795-29940 = 3 x 9265-9980
28725-30975 = 5 x 5745-6195
29260-30920 = 4 x 7315-7730
30210-31650 = 2 x 15105-15825

Note the overlaps, so once you hear something, you may need to try more than one divisor, and then match up the audio on the fundamental.

WEWN, despite its other problems, is seldom audible on harmonix, but check for these, only a partial list emphasizing daytime:
22665 05-13 S
23040 15-17 S
23060 12-15 E
23100 13-22 S
24100 11-15 S
31220 15-24 E

Sackville is another possibility, as are nearby Latin American outlets, even the low-power ones, which may have poor harmonic suppression.

After a couple of dry days for sporadic E here (tho it was superb further east, with trans-Atlantic multi-hop FM!), it`s back June 30 at 1312 with Tony Al·mo and the squeal inbooming via WWCR 15825, as well as PMS on 13845, so you know what I do next: check 18770 for 2 x 9385 WWRB. And there he is, Brother Scare, barely audible with fades at 1315. MUF built up to channel 2 by 1430, channel 4 with an NAB Nightlight at 1447 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WWRB, 18770, just barely audible at 1429 July 1, with whistling music accompanied by piano, which the Brother Scare service had been playing most of the past hour as tuned past 9265 WINB before 1400, and 9385, the latter being the fundamental of 18770. Once again 18770 reception correlates with sporadic E opening inbringing strong WWCR 15825, 13845, and up to channel 5 TV in the next few minutes (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST

** U S A [and non]. WEWN, 11530 in English sermon, VG June 25 at 1219 plus the usual distorted parasitix around 11520 and 11540. Something was getting creamed on 11520, per Aoki YFR in Indonesian via Taiwan, Catholix vs Protestants trying to convert Moslems! And on the other hand, something on 11535 was getting it from both sides. I should have focused on IDing that as nothing is listed, altho VOK is on there at other times (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see unID [non]

** U S A [non]. FAMILY RADIO TESTS FROM BONAIRE START TOMORROW

Our Bonaire relay station will be carrying out some test transmissions for Family Radio commencing tomorrow, and continuing for a maximum of two weeks. The test transmissions will carry Family Radioís English programming. Details are as follows:

2229-0100 UT to Brazil on 15315 kHz (beam 133 degrees) commencing

Friday 26 June.
0001-0158 UT to SAMw on 15580 kHz (beam 182 degrees) commencing Saturday 27 June (Friday 26 June local time in target area) (June 25th, 2009 - 19:56 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

15315, Harold Droning with VG signal June 27 at 0048 UT check, first day of a 2-week test until July 11 via Bonaire, as if he needs any more transmitters radiating flawed theology, unfazed by the world continuing to exist, abolishing churches, wacky even to mainline Christians; could easily be mistaken for WYFR.

Well, it proves that Bonaire can still broadcast in English with a fine signal into North America, even when aimed oppositely, as long as it`s not RNW programming! Per MN blog, this is 2229-0100 to Brazil at 133 degrees, and another test on 15580 at 0001-0158 to W S America at 180 degrees, unchecked yet here. It could be extended until 1 August.

So 15315, the frequency beloved of RNW Spanish listeners in South America, is not gone forever, just reborn with slightly different programming as this once proud site sells out to the dregs. Yes, the end is nearer for Bonaire as an RNW relay.

YFR test via Bonaire, 15580, June 28 at 0152 check, Harold Camping droning, only fair compared to other frequency earlier 15315.

WYFR has also started relays via GUIANA FRENCH as of June 26: 2200-0100 11965, 0000-0300 9760. Will there be any for-rent SW relay site left not utilized by Family Radio? Where do they get all the $$$ for all this? It probably helps to have FM stations all over the US, including major markets, for fund-raising (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIDGEST)

** U S A. There was a long Es opening the afternoon of June 26, with Nightlight seen on and off for hours on channel 4 from the east, but never well enough to catch an ID if there were any, and numerous stations are running it there. Earlier, WPBT-2 Miami in again with NL and IDs in between repeats plugging Comcast, such as 1700 and 1725 UT. I also had a weak DTV signal on 3 at times, such as 2240, but never enough to break thru. Most likely WBRA in Virginia. And weak DTV on 6 at 2332.

Es opening July 1, but mostly boring NAB Nightlight loops. At 1432 UT on ch 2; with antenna aimed east, NL on 4 good on peaks, but no ID visible. Supposedly alternates English and Spanish, but at 1509 the one on 4, plugging Comcast restarted in English after English. At 1450 also had Comcast NL on 3. Same frustrating stuff still going at 1620. Occasionally looked for Es DTV signals on these channels, but no shows on the strength meter. Around 1700 nothing much analog on 3 tho 2 and

4 were occupied, so wondered if a DTV was there on 3. No, still nothing with DTV tuning.

One channel 2 was dominant 1630+ UT with continuous ID in lower right corner of a framed DTV loop, i.e. letterboxed, why? Hard to make out, but finally read at 1640 as NEWS2 --- that`s a big help. The 2 in orange, I think, as NTSC gives us a panoply of color changes with Es fading. Finally made out phone number under it, 336-680-1000, which goes to WFMY Greensboro NC, and their website matches the logo seen. WFMY has been a regular every summer since 1961 that I have been in Enid, close to the optimum kilomile E-skip distance.

Meanwhile the ch 4 NL loop is full-screen and without any IDs, grrr.

But at 1659 another ch 4 NL loop comes in, with continuous ID and 4 in upper right corner, time underneath, and then broke for a full-screen and full-audio ID as WYFF Greenville etc. SC! And again at 1716. Nice to see this one without KFOR in the way as in yesteryear.

Am attempting to get some photos of these, but my digital camera keeps trying to outsmart me with flash and all kinds of unnecessary adjustments. It also has problems coping with the frame rate, not capturing full screen or putting bars across it.

MUF down below 2 by 1723, so I close this report for now.

By the way, if you see a `KLVT` ID during the DTV primer, it`s a phony demo callsign --- yes, there is no such TV station, but there is a real KLVT radio station! 1230 appropriately in Levelland TX, per FCC AM Query. It is, of course, on the Llano Estacado west of Lubbick (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

At 1030 CDT WYFF-4 is in with nightlight program. WFMY-2 Greensboro, NC is also in. WYFF-4 is new:? I've been seeing WFMY-TV since 1953. DTV signals pretty much gone now. WYFF-4 has call letters in the upper right hand corner, but just ran a nice ID with 4 in a circle and location given with audio for Greenville as well as three other cities including Asheville, NC. Never seen due to now-off WDAF-TV in Kansas City, MO (Dave Pomeroy, Topeka, Kansas, July 1, WTFDA via DXLD)

** U S A. I've solved my UnivisiÛn unID on ch 4 on the 22nd from about 1315 to 1355 EDT. It's WEVU-CA, Fort Myers, FL, 3 kW. Assuming from farther south because it`s Spanish-speaking is something to be aware of. W9Wi has it as LatTV -- checked wikipedia, recently sold and now UnivisiÛn. That's two low powered Es receptions in a week -- so analog isn't dead domestically for us. The next big meteor shower should prove interesting -- for low band LP's and digitals. "The glass is half full!" (Jim Pizzi, NY? June 23, WTFDA via DXLD)

** U S A. WPBN-DT: both 7 and 50 --- Got an interesting letter from Bill Draeb today. "...WPBN-7 DT (but moved back to ch. 50 two hours later), ..."

The Traverse City, Mich. station has been operating on DTV channel 50 for some time. Bill says they switched to 7 on Transition Night -- but then switched back to 50 after a couple of hours.

A reread of the FCC information shows ---

that WPBN has applied to move from DTV channel 50 to DTV channel 7. The FCC has apparently approved the channel reassignment but has not yet modified WPBN's license to allow them to use the new assignment.

So, the station has taken out a Special Temporary Authority (STA) to operate at reduced power on channel 7 while waiting for FCC action. Their channel 7 transmitter is connected to their old analog antenna, well to the south of Traverse City, so they also got permission to leave the channel 50 transmitter on the air until full-power operation on channel 7 is approved.

In other words, WPBN is broadcasting on *BOTH* channels simultaneously. Again, the two channels are broadcast from separate sites, roughly 30 miles apart. The ST authorized power on channel 7 is 500 watts - they've applied for a bit more than 15 kW. They're running 78 kW on channel 50.

My guess is when Bill saw them on channel 7, they were briefly testing the 15 kW transmitter; when they backed it back off to 500 watts, it disappeared (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, June 24, WTFDA via DXLD)

** U S A. Es and RDS --- Hello Glenn, Monday night June 22nd at 5:21 pm CT [2221 UT] I was sitting in the parking lot of a grocery store in Champaign IL here when I noticed some strong Es coming in on FM. The first noticed was WINK on 96.9 from Ft. Myers, FL, IDed not only by the announcer, but by the "WINK-FM" on the car radio RDS. Also in strong enough for an RDS ID was Miami on 93.1, with "93ROCK". There was another station with the unhelpful "RADIO" RDS showing up twice on 92.1.

Also that evening on tuned 87.7, English and Spanish alternating messages on digital television conversion. MUF was in 99 MHz range; furthest ID caught was from WKEZ, 96.9 in Tavernier, FL in the Keys. Take care! (Eric Loy, Champaign IL, June 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. RADIO HOST IS ARRESTED IN THREATS ON 3 JUDGES

By ERIC LICHTBLAU, June 25, 2009
http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/25/us/25threat.html

WASHINGTON -- An Internet radio host known for his incendiary views was arrested Wednesday in North Bergen, N.J., after federal officials charged that his angry postings about a gun case in Chicago amounted to death threats against three judges.

In a case that tests the limits of free speech, the Justice Department charged that the radio host, Hal Turner, had crossed the line into hate speech.

Mr. Turner, regarded by civil rights monitoring groups as a white supremacist, an anti-Semite and a "maestro of radio hate," posted commentaries on his blog denouncing a ruling by the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, in Chicago, that upheld two local bans on handguns.

"Let me be the first to say this plainly: These judges deserve to be killed," Mr. Turner wrote in a blog entry on June 2. "Their blood will replenish the tree of liberty. A small price to pay to assure freedom for millions."

He said the three judges, William J. Bauer, Frank H. Easterbrook and Richard A. Posner, should be made "an example" of in order to send a message to the rest of the federal judiciary: "Obey the Constitution or die."

Mr. Turner also posted the judges' photographs, phone numbers, work addresses and courtroom numbers.

There is no indication that Mr. Turner or anyone else acted on his warnings. Nonetheless, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said in an affidavit that it believed his comments constituted "a threat to assault or murder a United States judge."

F.B.I. agents arrested Mr. Turner at his home, and he is due to make his first court appearance on Thursday. Three weeks ago, in a case still pending, state officials in Connecticut charged Mr. Turner with inciting violence against lawmakers involved in an unrelated decision involving the Roman Catholic Church.

Traditionally, the courts have given wide latitude to First Amendment rights, even in cases involving speech that is widely considered offensive, but public statements regarded as "true threats" have not been afforded legal protection. One key test case came in 2002, when a federal appeals court in California upheld a $109 million jury verdict against organizers of an anti-abortion Web site that distributed Wild

West-style wanted posters of abortion providers, with photos of dead doctors crossed out (via Mike Cooper, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DXLD)

Turner became a talk radio host, joining fellow regular callers Frank from Queens and John from Staten Island to start the program The Right Perspective. Turner left the program in 2002, citing artistic differences. In 2002, Turner became a solo host, purchasing a time slot on shortwave radio station WBCQ, over which he broadcast for approximately four years. He gave up this show on WBCQ on March 22, 2004 for a few reasons: financial support from the listening audience had faded,[8][9] the owner of the station Allan Weiner was Jewish, Turner had health problems,[10] and his personal financial condition was deteriorating. This led to the temporary closure of his website and show. [citation needed] (Wikipedia via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DXLD)

** U S A. VOTE FOR THE 2009 NATIONAL RADIO HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Balloting is now open for the 2009 National Radio Hall of Fame! Share the opportunity to vote for the inductees with your friends.

Visit our website http://www.radiohof.org/ to register and vote. You can also read about the nominees on the site.

The deadline for voting is midnight on August 1st. Inductees will be announced a week later. The 2009 National Radio Hall of Fame Gala Induction will take place in Chicago on Saturday, November 7th.

Our posthumous inductees for this year are: Jose Miguel Agrelot, Harry Kalas and Studs Terkel. Background on these distinguished broadcasters can be found at http://www.radiohof.org/

Thank you for your participation! 676 N. LaSalle Dr., Suite 424, Chicago, IL 60654 (via Alokesh Gupta, India, DXLD) Assume this applies to USA only? (gh)

** U S A. KMBH SPOTS WORRY RADIO GROUP
June 21, 2009 - 3:05 PM Laura Tillman The Brownsville Herald
http://www.themonitor.com/articles/station-27850-public-radio.html

BROWNSVILLE ó Announcements on the Rio Grande Valley's public radio station, KMBH, warning listeners that donations to a different public station are either "a scam or fantasy" have riled members of a group seeking to create a second public radio station in South Texas.

"When the spots began to air, people immediately called me about it," said Betsy Price. Price is organizing a new public radio station - Voices from the Valley, which plans to begin broadcasting in the next few months. "They were very concerned."

Voices from the Valley members said they worried the ads could mislead the public to believe that they are not a legitimate radio station, and that making pledges of support was somehow dangerous.

Price says she and the other members of Voices from the Valley have not placed any calls to solicit money, but have been fielding calls and pledges of support from those who log onto the group's Web site.

"We're not asking for money at this time, just pledges of support," Price said. "People have tried to hand me checks and we have to tell them, ëNo, we can't accept money until we are launched and have a business plan.' "

KMBH had this text posted at the top of its Web site as of June 19:

"ONLY ONE PUBLIC RADIO!ONLY ONE PUBLIC RADIO!

There is only ONE PUBLIC RADIO in the Rio Grande Valley ... and this is Public Radio 88FM, serving you with the best of NPR and local talent since October 1989. If you or someone you know is contacted requesting a donation for Public Radio which is not Public Radio 88FM please report it to the authorities and let us know at 956-421-4111. Public Radio 88FM has been serving you in the Rio Grande Valley for TWENTY YEARS. Anything else may be a scam or fantasy."

Voices from the Valley said it is organizing a second legitimate public radio station in the Valley. It is common for large cities or well-populated regions to have more than one public radio station. Often, stations have different genres, group members said.

Msgr. Pedro BriseÒo, the president and CEO of KMBH, says the spots are unrelated to Voices from the Valley and are rather the result of calls from listeners.

"So far we have just received a couple of vague reports about attempts to collect financial pledges for a public radio station," BriseÒo wrote in an emailed statement. "No more information (was) given and the individuals reporting do not want their names disclosed. It has been suggested for us to make a public warning such as the one on our Web site in order to protect the public from a potential scam."

Asked for more details on the calls, BriseÒo said the station's role was not to investigate. "We are not in the business of law enforcement investigation," BriseÒo wrote, "but in the business of serving our community through educational broadcasting, twenty years through public radio, twenty-five years through public television."

But organizers for Voices from the Valley, who are attempting to establish their credibility as a second regional public radio station, see the spots differently. "I think they're trying to prejudice the public against another station," said Joe Perez, who used to host "North of the Border," a conjunto show on KMBH with his wife, Rosa.

Rosa and Joe PÈrez left KMBH after the network failed to air the "Hand of God" documentary at its scheduled time. The documentary, which the station later said aired at 1 a.m. the next morning, chronicled molestation by Catholic priests.

Joe Perez said he lost faith in the honesty of KMBH's managers when they provided what he called a "totally unbelievable" explanation for why the program didn't air. He said this distrust is the reason he also doesn't buy the station's explanation about the new spots.

"I do not believe there is a scam going on," Joe PÈrez said.

Pablo Almaguer, a McAllen resident who used to volunteer with KMBH and is now helping to spread information about the Voices from the Valley station, says the spots are a "threat wrapped up in a warning."

"I listen to the ëNPR Morning Edition' pretty religiously and, when I heard the spots, I couldn't help but smile and shake my head," he said. "The last sentence, saying that another station is a ëscam or a fantasy' is passive aggressive. This is a threat to those folks who are out there trying to start a new station, and I think this is the way management has decided to deal with it, by flexing their muscles and by saying: ëDon't contact our funders.' "

BriseÒo insists that any speculation that the commercials are related to Voices from the Valley is unfounded.

"We are not in the business of attacking anybody or campaigning against anything. We have no interest on useless debates of opinions. Any negative reaction to our warning is perhaps a confirmation that such a warning was needed to protect the public of the Rio Grande Valley from scams," BriseÒo said.

Perez, who plans to donate his show to Voices from the Valley when it starts up, says he hopes that potential listeners will continue to pledge their support.

"All I can say is Voices from the Valley is starting from scratch and we're going to be fighting for listeners, so all is fair in love and war and radio," Perez said.

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Laura Tillman is a reporter for The Brownsville Herald.

Reader comments: pjalmaguer wrote:
@observer1 thanks for posting the website - http://www.voicesfromthevalley.org/ - we also have two Twitter accounts - @VoicesftValley and @RioGrandeVoices - If you are interested in diversity in public radio, we will be updating folks soon about our efforts. Thanks for the support.
6/22/2009 11:08 PM CDT on themonitor.com

observer1 wrote:
selarom, just follow this link for more information
http://www.voicesfromthevalley.org/
Why are they afraid of competition. Typical church folk -- always trying to keep a tight grip on all that money by using fear.
6/22/2009 8:06 PM CDT on themonitor.com

selarom wrote:
@astikat I feel the exact same way. for years I listened and had no idea this was a church-runned station. when they started playing more and more religious stuff, even airing PRAYERS for f's sake, that's when I decided to get all my public radio directly from npr.org.

I am truly looking forward to a new, REAL public radio station! what can I do to help? 6/22/2009 3:19 PM CDT on themonitor.com

astikat wrote:
When I first moved here I was unaware the public stations were run by the church. I mistakenly contributed. When I did start seeing the religious programming on so-called "public" stations, I withdrew my support and will never, ever contribute to them again.
6/22/2009 12:34 PM CDT on themonitor.com

texasbatman wrote:
Raise your hand if you think BriseÒo is lying when he said the spots are unrelated to Voices from the Valley. That shows how much trust and credibility he and that station has. Who is going to donate to an organization that doesn't tell the truth and the lies are such poor quality that its clear he thinks we are all idiots. Seems to me the only people running a scam about public radio is KMBH.
6/22/2009 7:45 AM CDT on themonitor.com

ocjones wrote: Typical of how the church, Diocese of Brownsville, conducts business (all via Benn Kobb, DXLD)

KMBH and its public television counterpart have been in hot water for some time with PBS and NPR, for mixing religion with `public` broadcasting, owned as they are by the RCC, messing with network shows which don`t meet their religious requirements. In fact they and a few

other stations in similar situations nearly lost their affiliations.

Several years ago I considered moving to the RGV and on a visit there soon discovered that public broadcasting was controlled by religionists. That was a big strike against such a move. Unfortunately, they will still have a monopoly on public TV. Here`s a typical primetime schedule from their current homepage:

Sunday 6/28/09
 7:00 Las Verdades de MonseÒor Juan Nicolau
 7:30 Diocese Insight
 8:00 Masterpiece Mystery!
 9:30 Fort Niagara
10:00 Nature
11:00 Nova

In the about-us sexion, KMBH-DT 38 claims to run 1 Gigawatt of power. I think they mean Megawatt, but hey, what difference do three orders of magnitude make? And does KMBH stand for McAllen-Brownsville-Harlingen, or Mary, Blessed of Heaven? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DXLD)

** U S A. AM STATIONS GET THEIR LONG-AWAITED FM TRANSLATORS

For hundreds of small AM operators around the country, tomorrow's FCC open meeting promised to finally provide a permanent decision on an issue that's kept them hanging for years - can they use FM translators to bring their AM programming to more listeners?

But instead of considering the proposal during the Thursday meeting, commissioners handled it "on circulation," amongst themselves on the eighth floor of the Portals...
More at http://ftp.media.radcity.net/ZMST/Journal/RJ8366.pdf
(Radio Journal July 1, 2009 via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

AM STATIONS GET AN FM TRANSLATOR OPTION
Inside Radio June 30, 2009

For the last several years, the FCC has been allowing AMs to relay their programming on FM translators via Special Temporary Authority. Now it's official. New rules allow AM day-timers to originate programming after sunset on their translators.
http://www.insideradio.com
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

FCC "REGULARIZES" RULES FOR FM TRANSLATORS OF AM STATIONS

The FCC has released regular rules for the use of FM translators by AM stations.

http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-09-59A1.pdf

Existing FM translators -- those either on the air or holding construction permits as of May 1st -- will be allowed to relay AM stations. Applicants for new translators must specify which station they plan to relay, and applications that specify AM stations will be dismissed.

Existing translators must notify the FCC when they change which station they relay; if a translator authorized after May 1st notifies the FCC of intent to relay an AM station, they will be denied permission. The FCC indicates they may relax this policy after the next LPFM filing window is complete.

The 60 dBu service area of such translators must be contained entirely within 25 miles of the AM towers or the 2mV/m daytime service area of the AM station, whichever is smaller. The 60dBu service area of a typical 50-watt translator (assuming an antenna 30m high) is a bit less than 5 km, about 3 miles (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, June 29, WTFDA via DXLD)

FCC ALLOWS AM STATIONS TO HAVE FM TRANSLATORS

Forwarded without comment. Released today. Read it and smile or read it and weep.
http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-09-59A1.pdf

I. INTRODUCTION
1. In this Report and Order, we adopt changes in our FM translator rules to allow AM stations to use currently authorized FM translator stations to retransmit their AM service within their AM stationsí current coverage areas. Specifically, AM broadcast stations will be allowed to use currently authorized FM translator stations (i.e., those now licensed or authorized in construction permits that have not expired) to rebroadcast their AM signals, provided that no portion of the 60 dBu contour of any such FM translator station extends beyond the smaller of:

(a) a 25-mile radius from the AM transmitter site; or (b) the 2 mV/m daytime contour of the AM station. In addition, AM broadcast licensees with Class D facilities will be allowed to originate programming on such FM translators during periods when their AM station is not operating. We take these steps to permit AM broadcasters to better serve their local communities and thus promote the Commissionís bedrock goals of localism, competition, and diversity in the broadcast media (excerpt via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

I thought this was already happening. WOKC in Okeechobee, FL now has

an FM simulcast of their AM, and just so happens to have changed the format so for all intents it is like a new FM station. I guess this is good for some Mom & Pop AM stations out there, but I would rather have them at some point turn off the AMs if they get FMs that cover the same area (Juan Gualda, FL, ibid.)

It has been allowed for the last 18 months or so under Special Temporary Authority that has to be renewed every six months and can be cancelled at any time. Today's ruling makes it permanent - but since it only applies to translators that are already licensed or holding construction permits, it won't add much to band clutter.

Turning off the AMs may take a while. It took 29 years from the first applications for AM-on-FM translators to today, after all. s (Scott Fybush, ibid.)

Yup; it's been about a year now that KUGR-1490 in Green River, Wyoming has been broadcasting on 104.9 FM. I helped put that one on. And the station's owner Al Harris did a lot toward getting this done and getting the rule made. Unfortunately we also had a new Humpy Peak station pop on the air back in, I think, February, at 104.7 (KYLZ - COL is Lyman, Wyoming - rimshotting Salt Lake from over 100 miles away!) so in some areas you USED to be able to pick it up, you can't anymore because of 104.7 (Michael n Wyo Richard, ibid.)

** U S A. FCC TO ACCEPT NEW LPTV APPLICATIONS

The FCC has announced a filing window for new digital LPTV stations and major changes to existing LPTV stations (including changes to analog LPTVs).
http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-09-1487A1.pdf

On August 25, a window will open for rural LPTVs. "Rural" is defined as places 121 km or more from the central cities in the 100 largest Nielsen television markets. The smallest city on the list is Charleston, South Carolina.

On January 25, 2010, another window will open without geographic restriction. Applications for new analog LPTV stations will not be accepted in either window. However, existing analog LPTVs may apply for major changes. The Public Notice doesn't say how long the windows will be open (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, June 29, WTFDA via DXLD)

** U S A. JULIUS GENACHOWSKI SWORN IN AS FCC CHAIRMAN

QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 26 ARLB026 From ARRL Headquarters

Newington CT July 1, 2009 To all radio amateurs

On the afternoon of Monday, June 29, US Supreme Court Justice David Souter -- in one his last official duties on the high court -- swore in Julius Genachowski as the new Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. Genachowski, who clerked for Souter after finishing law school, will complete the four years remaining in the term of outgoing FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein. Both Genachowski and current FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell -- Genachowski for his initial term and McDowell for his first full term -- were confirmed by the US Senate on June 25.

Adelstein has been nominated by President Obama to be the Administrator for the US Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS); a nomination hearing before the Senate's Agriculture Committee is scheduled for July 7.

Genachowski praised Adelstein's record, thanking him for his more than six years of "outstanding public service" as an FCC Commissioner. "Throughout his tenure at the Commission," Genachowski said, "he has tirelessly championed the public interest. The FCC and the public have benefited greatly from his rich understanding of media and technology policy, and his devotion to the democratic process. While I regret that I won't have the pleasure of serving with Jonathan at the FCC, I look forward to forging a strong partnership with him in his future work."

Commissioner Michael Copps, who had served as Acting Chairman since the resignation of then-Chairman Kevin Martin this past January, welcomed Genachowski to the Commission, saying Genachowski begins "what promises to be a public-spirited and distinguished tenure as Chairman. He knows the FCC well, brings impressive private sector and technology experience with him, and enjoys deserved renown for innovative thinking and new approaches. I look forward to working with him on the many issues awaiting his attention."

Copps also expressed his thanks for Adelstein's tenure on the Commission: "Jonathan and I have worked closely together on so many issues that it makes it hard for me to imagine a Commission without him. Our thoughts most often run in the same direction, whether the issue is media, broadband, rural America, the disabilities communities, reaching out to non-traditional stakeholders or upholding a shared vision of the public interest. His intelligence, good judgment, wide experience and invariably good humor combined to make him a highly productive Commissioner across a wide gamut of issues. I will miss him here but wish him all good things as he moves ahead in the confirmation process toward becoming Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service at the US Department of

Agriculture. I look forward to our continuing work together and to our friendship through the years."

There has been no word as to when Commissioner McDowell will be sworn in for his new term (W1AW List via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. The Russian religious station in Washington on 1710 is still being filed under UNIDENTIFIED [non], below

** U S A. 4045-USB, Florida, Caribbean Weather Center with 1200 weather report. 25 June http://www.mwxc.com/cwc_ssb_more.htm (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida US, June 25, NRD 535D ~ Drake R8, Noise reducing antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It`s a net, with check-ins from various exotic ports, or at sea, but presumably this refers to the NCS as per website:
``I currently operate as Public Coast Station WCY, located in Lakeland, Florida. Hail me as "Bel Ami".``

Along with schedule on various frequencies; believe I heard him long ago on 12350-USB, which is now on air at 1300 Mon-Sat (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Sports Radio Notes --- Listeners in southern New Jersey looking for more ESPN Radio programming than what is offered on WPEN-950 in Philadelphia will be happy to note that, since June 1, the 97.3 FM frequency which was a relay of New Jersey 101.5 (a Trenton-based talk station), has switched over to ESPN Radio programming; it's now WENJ-FM in Millville/Atlantic City. It's almost all ESPN content except for Mike Gill's local show at 19-23 UT Mon-Fri, plus a local fishing/outdoors show for one hour at 1300. The 1450 frequency where ESPN was heard previously now carries ESPN Deportes Radio in Spanish. Sports radio WIP (610) in Philly launches its HD-3 channel on 94.1 FM on July 4 (Joe Hanlon, NJ, June 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VANUATU. 3945.000, Radio Vanuatu. 0910, program of light ballads and island music, simple ID by man in English at 0918 as, "This is Radio Vanuatu." Actually had this about an hour prior but had to wait for the positive ID. Into Pidgin conversation as I type, 0937 UT, 1 July (David Sharp, NSW Australia, FT-950 and ICF-2001, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN. VR, 15595, June 27 at 0538 with Latin mass, better than // 11740, a mid-summer treat (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA [non]. During bandscan June 30 at 1933 happened to cross 15290, RNV relay via Cuba, just as they were pausing in Honduras-obsessed Spanish talk for transmission schedule. You guessed it: STILL

announcing the totally outdated one they started with 5? years ago, always beginning with ``to San Francisco at 11-12 [PST] on 13740``, a frequency which has been gone for ages, long ago replaced by this very 15290. RNV studio continues to be totally ignorant of their own real schedule (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA. Es Venezuela-->QC !! 06/28. At 19:05 EDT [2305 UT], I have TVes Venezuela on channel 3 !!! TVes logo upper left corner. In color too, very stable. So which channel 3 is it? Anzo·tegui, Barcelona, Barquisimeto ?? More later hopefully! 73, (Charles Gauthier, Brossard, QC, WTFDA via DXLD)

TVES was logged on 2, 3, 5 in Springfield MA. I have very good video of TVES on 3(Jeff Rostron, Springfield MA, Sangean HDT-1, Winegard HD 6065P @ 35Ft, 2324 UT June 28, ibid.)

I got it here but just on ch 3. Around 7 pm [2300 UT], woman sitting at a desk (news?) with logo on the upper right. Some sort of circular thing on upper right. I'm with Jeff [Kadet? IL] on IRC and he verifies it's them.

Also something verrrry strange on ch 3, with regard to audio. There is what seems to be a sound like an ambulance siren, going up in pitch and back down in pitch over and over. At the same time I have Spanish audio but the NL [NAB Nightlight loop] from somebody. New country! Simply amazing! (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, ibid.)

I don`t want to rain on anyone`s parade, and the new open-band conditions certainly possiblize a lot more double-hop, but BEWARE:

Because of the Honduran coup, CubavisiÛn has been networking with TVes, as I was watching it online earlier today during Zelaya`s press conference in San Jose, plus coverage on and on. CubavisiÛn bug was in the UL corner while TVes in the UR. http://www.cubavision.cubaweb.cu/ (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

I will review the tape that I have from Ch 3, But the TVES logo was clearly 2/3 up on the left of the screen and no CubavisiÛn bug is visible. I will watch tape to double check reception. I will also note when aimed at CUBA the signal went away. I have the live video up now and I do se the CubavisiÛn logo in the upper left as you noted. (Jeff Rostron, Springfield MA, Sangean HDT-1, Winegard HD 6065P @ 35Ft ibid.)

Oops, as I said in my original item, it was the TeleSur bug in UR --- not TVes, tho now am beginning to have my doubts; anyhow, the three of them could well be intermingled, so still be careful if you see Venezuela, as Cuba relays it not only on SW but on TV.

Right now online, it`s just the Cuban bug in the UL, which is a stylized island map with an eye over it, looking rather like a fish. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Looking at the tape there is both a TVES and a big V "VTV" Logo above Both are on the left side. In the upper right is "vtv" in a white box no telesur logo is in video. So VTV is on 5 and I saw that here. Would TVES and VTV Share resources as both are Govt owned? Could it be we had TVES on 2 and 3 and VTV on 5?? (Jeff Rostron, ibid.)

Last week when I had TVES Ven. on 3 that siren going up and down also heard. OLD ROY (Roy Barstow, Cape Cod, ibid.)

Pic of TVES 3 now posted on WFTDA forums
http://www.wtfda.info/showthread.php?t=3274

On Ch 2 and 3 TVES was taking "VTV" hence the big bug above the TVES logo. Both me and Mike B saw on 3 a full screen TVES logo with the "bars" in the center of the screen

Around 7:45 Ch 2 was in with TVES Logo much higher in the upper left with what looked to be a movie or drama on. I saw the same coverage on 5 But saw no TVES logo. But 5 is the "VTV" govt network.

6 meter maps displayed no paths to Cuba and WPBT was nowhere to be found. WPBT has been in every time I have seen any trace of CUBA. I hope this makes sense. I have been up since 2 am (Jeff Rostron, Springfield MA, Sangean HDT-1, Winegard HD 6065P @ 35Ft, ibid.)

** VENEZUELA [non]. Breakfast With Ch·vez --- unid 2 very weak probably Cuban relay of Venezuelan TV at 1253 UT/0753 (local Central time). Long rambling speeches I'm certain about Honduras. Signal has been fading in and out since 0745 Central, and it`s going on a blank tape. MUF is only at 2, nothing seen so far on 3 or 4.

Goodbye Chavez, hello Smurfette --- MUF jumped to 4, the Cuban-Ven. news conference/propaganda speeches have been replaced by Cinco Canal's airing of "The Smurfs" at 0804 CT on ch 2 (Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR. EM43aw http://tvdxseark.blogspot.com http://www.twitter.com/KC5KBV June 29, WTFDA via DXLD) Meaning, I assume Mexico`s XHGC-5 network (gh)

** VIETNAM [and non]. A printed schedule received from VOV effective 1 April 2009 claims the English broadcasts at 0100-0130 and 0200-0230 for NE America via Sackville are on 9725 instead of correct 6175. Also includes portraits of seven of the twelve happy staff in the English section --- all with big grins under the headphones. Five are YLs, one

OM doesn`t look Vietnamese (via Christopoher Stacey, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD; gh`s comments re)

** VIETNAM [and non]. 9550 with two weak Asian stations mixing, a fast SAH, maybe 10 Hz between them, June 26 at 1327. One is in Chinese, the other in Vietnamese, but after 1330 only one of them remains. Was also hearing the same before 1300. A radio war between Vietnam and China, Commies vs Commies? We know they have had their differences.

Aoki listings confirm the two are broadcasting to each other on the same frequency at the same time in reciprocal languages. CRI in Vietnamese at 11-17, 500 kW, 193 degrees from Beijing site; and VOV in Chinese at 1100-1330, 1500-1700, 100 kW, 27 degrees from Hanoi-Sontay site. Depending on relative skip distances, one may slide in under the other at certain locations, but in much of SE Asia, the collision is bound to be huge. And this is nothing new (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE. 6045.00, ZBC Gweru, June 30, 0230-0303. Vernacular DJ played R&B and highlife music, 0300 usual drums, ID & long list of FM & SW frequencies. Emerged after co-channel Farda had closed 0230. Weak, sandwiched between HCJB 6050 and Vatican R [via CANADA] 6040 (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. UAE [to Zimbabwe] QSL Zimbabwe Community Radio, 5995, full data e-mail verie in 1 day, v/s Fr. Nigel Johnson. He says they are aware of the signal strength being very poor in Zimbabwe (Vashek Korinek-AFS, DXplorer June 25 via BC-DX 29 June via DXLD)

Now 5950 kHz 2000-2100 UT via Al Dhabayya-UAE, 250 kW 210 degrees (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. 9895, R Voice of the People, via Talata-Volonondry, Madagascar, *0358-0424, Jun 09, open carrier until sudden opening at 0400 with instrumental music, ID and frequency ann in local language followed by the same in English. After instrumental music, news in local language, mix of short vocals and other features. Good. (Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA, DSWCI DX Window June 24 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED [non?]. Russian on 1710 --- Fellas, We finally made it to the NW after delaying a month longer than normal so that I could take part in my 50th (!!!) high school reunion in Stillwater, OK. As we came through Seattle, we stopped just north of the northern conjunction of I-5 and I-405 and I got out a Tecsun PW-300WT to check 1710. I could just barely hear some audio. It sounded to me like a male speaking in a Slavic language and it looped generally N-S, which would agree well with a northern Seattle/Lynnwood QTH for the transmitter. The signal was quite weak. We stopped again a couple of

times in Mount Vernon, WA on our way north and there was NOTHING --- I mean n o t h i n g --- audible on the stock PW-300WT.

This morning a bit after dawn, I fired up the big rig hooked to a super loop and I could hear two things on 1710. One, the dominant, was obviously an EE mixing product or image that I was too lazy to ID. The other might have been Russian, though it was too weak to be sure.

I guess that my main message is that there was no transmitter on the air from Mt. Vernon. I'm looking forward to getting back to dawn TP DXing here in the next week (John Bryant, Orcas Island, WA, Winradio G313e and various Ultralights, Wellbrook Phased Array + Superloops, June 24, IRCA via DXLD)

You probably heard the KOMO-1000 and KIRO-710 mixing product, with KOMO on top. It's an easy catch from where I am, unfortunately, being about 11 miles from their 100,000 combined watts. Maybe you could QSL them both, sort of a 2-for-1??? (Kevin Satya, ibid.)

Hi John, Glad to have you back! Interesting you are getting the KOMO/KIRO mixing product on 1710. I got KJR on 530 kHz a few weeks back. KJR puts a lot of signal to the SW.

The Sydney Australia mixing product on 522 kHz was heard in NZ and also by me. In fact I did QSL it! Didn't list the power, but an interesting QSL. Those mixing products can get out. Welcome back. 73, (Patrick Martin, KGED QSL Manager, ibid.)

It could also be a mixing product from CHMJ-730 and CKNW-980 (730 + 980 = 1710). John's a lot closer to Vancouver than he is to Seattle. (Bruce Portzer, WA, ibid.)

Not sure whether it's simply propagation, but 1710 seems to be more feeble these past couple of days. Anyone else notice any difference? Just barely audible on my south facing corner fed loop. Main signal remains of 1709.985, but as others have noted, I'm seeing all sorts of other signals just above this frequency, and up to 1710.005 (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria BC, 0527 UT June 28, IRCA via DXLD)

Walt, 1710 tonight at 0622 UT has a S-5 to S-7 signal at times. This is heard on the NW ewe and not using the Palstar tuner. Talk and music being heard (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, JRC 545 Ewe NW, UT June 28, ibid.)

The 1710 Russian has been very poor here lately, very poor audio at best, usually just a het (Steve Ratzlaff, NE Oregon, R75, longwires, June 29, IRCA via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5060: Ciao a tutti! Alcuni ascolti effettuati in un lungo weekend passato in collina, in provincia di Foggia. Con me il fido Perseus, connesso ad una filare lunga 15 metri. 5060, 0354 13/06 UNID African? Carrier on at 0354, music, starts at 0400, ID in vernacular. Good. (any idea ? Candip?) 73, (Michele D`Amico, Italy, bclnews.it yg via DXLD) May we safely assume the Perseus is not subject to 2 x IF images, e.g. this from 5960 or 5970? (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. [see U S A] 11535, heard the day before in skirts of WEWN 11530, and WEWN spur on 11540, checked again June 26 at 1250: sounds like Chinese, but not positive it`s Mandarin, tho did hear ``wo-men`` mentioned by M talking, occasional interjexions by W. 1255 to piano music, seems a hymn, 1256 W and then M with brief announcement, off at 1257*.

No IDs discernible, but suspect it is one of the missionary stations aiming into China on a new frequency. Doing better than expected against WEWN since the latter had long pauses in live mass. The June 26 edition of Aoki still doesn`t have it. And there are no clues in WRTH A-09 update, PWBR `2009`, HFCC or EiBi either.

The June 27 edition of Aoki has the answer: 11535 FAMILY RADIO 1200-1300 1234567 Chinese 100 335 Yunlin TWN 12017E2343N WYFR a09 Jun. 26-23 43 -120 17 11535

And as Mauno Ritola outpoints, ``You have also got this message: new Mandarin 1200-1300 from Family Radio via Taiwan.``

We had this update from WYFR already in DXLD ñ an object lesson even the editor needs to remember, always to search latest DXLDs on problem frequencies where the answer may be found first (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Previous log of Chinese gospel on 11535 until 1257 turns out to be new frequency for YFR via TAIWAN; altho I could not hear it against WEWN 11530 and 11540 when checked July 1. Previous logs did not include any dead giveaways such as WYFR theme music or spelling out F-A-M-I-L-Y R-A-D-I-O (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15034-LSB, 2243 23 May, weather info in English, SIO 212 (Colin Watson, Lanarkshire, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Trenton CFS, Ontario has regular weather broadcasts, but is on USB. Klingenfuss also shows St. John`s and Edmonton on this frequency (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. UNID Bubbler auf 15722.20 kHz. Um 0930 UT 28. Juni bubbled ein Jammer? mit S=6 auf 15722.20 kHz so vor sich hin.

Zielsetzung hier unbekannt. Sind bei 15722 irgendwelche Zahlensender gemeldet worden? (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, A-DX June 28 via BC-DX June 29 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 17585 with open carrier, June 28 at 1316, then tone tests fading in and out, off at 1317* No doubt VOA Greenville warming up for the 1400-1430 broadcast (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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Glenn, It was decided quite some time ago at our SWB/ARC-convention at end of April to make a contribution to you as a token of appreciation for your activities for the DX-ers. A big thank you for your activities for the benefit of what is left of DX-ing. With best regards (Bengt Dalhammar, Sweden, contribution to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702 USA, WORLD OF RADIO 1467)

Re 9-049: Glenn, that was a major effort!!! And it's a tough stress over your body. I also know what editing text is. Summer is right now over your heads. Take your time to breathe fresh air, walk around, look at the green forests! Radio fans will tolerate a couple of weeks without your files, knowing you're taking some rest! A great MANY THANKS!, and take care! (Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay)

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SKY WAVES, a novel by Michelle Butler Hallett

If youíre looking for some reading material, especially something related to radio, I found an interesting novel at our library here in Grand Falls-Windsor, by a Newfoundland writer named Michelle Butler Hallett who has been well-read in national papers like the Globe and Mail. Itís called ìSky Wavesî and focuses on a particular family and how the role of a major Newfoundland radio station fits in as the author tells their stories. The time period alternates between now and the earlier parts of the 20th century, when radio first came here. The station in the book is fictional but is based on a real station, where the author used to work. The novel details how radio connected so many people in isolated communities along the coast of the province and the work is very interesting for that reason. Shortwave, of course, figures well here too (Sue Hickey, NF, CIDX Forum, July CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

MW DIREXIONALS IN EUROPE
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Re: In the USA we can look up the pattern(s) of any MW station easily on the FCC website. Is there any such central reference in Europe, or a DX publication like the NRC Pattern Book? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I'm not aware of such a publication. In the past the European Broadcasting Union collected informations about actual operational parameters, but do they still bother?

The problem is that the official GE75 data is not authoritative. Transmitters in the former USSR basically operate on a de-facto base, with parameters much differing from the official stuff. Here in Germany there are cases where output powers have been grossly reduced and thus directional patterns abandoned (an example I'm immediately aware of is Ismaning-801, which now runs 100 kW ND day and night).

Finally there are the transmitters with switchable patterns, like 1467. Here documentations from the transmitter operator are the only way to know at all. Btw, the now replaced pattern was even almost 180 degrees wide, reaching from France to Libya.

Some other anecdotal informations:

Donebach-153: Null towards Romania, day ca. 3 dB, night ca. 10 dB.

Felsberg-183: Sharp beam into France, almost -20 dB in the opposite direction.

Aholming-207: At night (day ND) null towards Ukraine.

Solec-225: Shallow cardioid, favoring southeastern directions by a few dB. (This is not for protecting anybody but to compensate for the site in the northwestern area of Poland; the former 2000 kW at Konstantynow was ND.)

Junglinster-234: Beam towards France, but pattern not as sharp as in the case of 183.

Topolna-270: Shallow eight pattern to favour the territory of the former Czechoslovakia.

Orfordness-648: Cardioid pattern towards Benelux.

Kˆnigslutter-756: Nights only (day ND) null towards Romania.

Weiflkirchen-873: Must be a rather complex pattern, something seldom found in Europe. Primary protection would have to be towards the

former Soviet Union.

Wachenbrunn-882: Null towards Montenegro, still kept to save power for the actual target area, i.e. Thuringia. There is a chance that this is the only directional 20 kW outlet in Europe, such transmitters are usually ND here because directional arrays would be considered overkill for such modest power outlets. (This is a former 250 kW.)

Sasnovy-1170: Sharp beam, centered at former Czechoslovakia.

Sˆlvesborg-1179: About 3 dB null towards Romania.

Bolshakovo-1215: Sharp beam into Germany.

Orfordness-1296: Rather sharp beam towards Germany / Poland / former Czechoslovakia.

Wachenbrunn-1323: Switchable patterns, usually beams towards France but at times towards the UK instead (but do they routinely switch at present?).

Fllaka-1395: Appears to be switchable but usually run with a NWN beam.

Marnach-1440: Two switchable patterns, favouring Germany and the UK, routinely switched acc. the target audience.

Fllaka-1458: Switchable, pattern selected acc. the target audience.

Duba-1521: Beam into Egypt. [Yes, Saudi-Arabia; North Africa and the Middle East are "mediumwave-wise" considered as belonging to Europe, and longwave is considered as part of the mediumwave topic.]

And for a change some high-power outlets that are definitely ND (only active ones, and one can be deleted from this list in just two days): Most if not all FSU longwave transmitters, Zehlendorf-177, Raszyn-198, Summerhill-252, Solt-540, Thurnau-549, Kˆnigslutter-630, Lopik-675, Zehlendorf-693, Sottens-765, Wiederau-783, Domzale-918, Pori-963, Berlin-990, Grigoriopol-999, Kalundborg-1062, Wilsdruff-1431, Mainflingen-1539 (Kai Ludwig, Germany, June 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DATABASE OF EUROPEAN FM'S

This website has a good listing of European FM's. It's tough to figure out and navigate, understanding what code is for what country, but power levels and station names are listed. G is for the UK, IRL for Ireland, etc. http://www.fmlist.org/ul_login.php?sprache=en
(Randy KW4RZ, Zerr, Fort Walton Beach, FL (northwest panhandle), WTFDA

via DXLD) Not hard if you know ITU or licence tag country codes (gh)

MANUAL FOR USE BY THE MARITIME MOBILE AND MARITIME MOBILE-SATELLITE SERVICES, EDITION 2009

Now available on http://www.itu.int/publ/R-SP-LM.MM-2009/en
(Jaisakthivel, Chennai, India, dxldyg via DXLD)

Costs 79 Swiss Franx whatever the format (gh)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES
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RADIO FESTIVAL IN NOTTINGHAM

Radio Today is now blogging live from the Radio Festival in Nottingham. Click http://radiotoday.co.uk/live to view our dedicated page with a blog, twitter feed, photo stream and interactive Facebook update area.

Feel free to forward this address to your colleagues who might also be interested in watching one of the biggest debates of the radio year. There is some worldwide content, for example here are some blogs from the last few minutes:

Radio Today: In the US, the daily programme The World is a co-production with a station in Boston and is now distributed across more than 150 FM stations across America.

10:53 Radio Today: A big part of the modernisation of the World Service is making it more multimedia - not just radio. 29% growth in online over the last year. BBC Mundo (Spanish) grown more than 170%.. mobile content in Arabic has grown five-fold.

I have just asked this question:

"Any suggestions what the future holds for DRM on shortwave please?"
(Mike Terry, 1000 UT June 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

10:42Radio Today: Next session is with Richard Sambrook from BBC Global News here in the main hall... it's titled How to Keep 180million Radio Listeners (and over 150 Ofcom and 2000 Partner Stations) Happy.

10:44Radio Today: We start with a clip of what we think people probably think the World Service sounds like.

10:44Radio Today: All very traditional... a really old clip. Richard

says it's nothing like that any more.

10:45Radio Today: It used to be about London calling out to the world... now it's far more 2-way. World Service have more than 50% of staff based internationally.

10:48Radio Today: In the 1990s World Service audience was about 124m all delivered by short wave radio. If they'd done nothing the audience would have dropped by about 30m... but it's actually now 177m !

10:48Radio Today: They've done that using partnerships and broadcasting in different languages.. including using FM and digital platforms.

10:49Radio Today: It's available in 154 capital cities and 30 languages.

10:49Radio Today: Partnerships they have aren't just about distribution - they're about content as well.

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10:53Radio Today: In Kenya and Nigera about 13% of people listen to FM radio via their mobile phones.

11:00Radio Today: Recently BBC Persian had 5 video clips a minute being sent in by viewers

11:05Radio Today: We've just been watching a clip of World Have Your Say - bringing together people from all over the world to interact and debate issues about Iran. (Finished 11:09)

11:10Radio Today: Time for a 20 min break now. We're promised an 'amazing suprise' when we come back as part of the session on prison radio

Prison Radio's not new - the first ever broadcast was for the state prison in Huntsville, Texas in March 1938 and the festival heard a recording of it today. Prison Radio debate blog at http://radiotoday.co.uk/live/ from 11:35 (UK time).
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

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Re 9-049, BILL`S RETRO WORLD
http://www.billsretroworld.com/RETROLIFE.HTM webpage:

The Sony TR-63 reminds me strongly on the East German "Sternchen" set of the same era:
http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Sternchen_radio.jpg

And interesting the lighting of the staged photos, especially the outdoor shots in colour. Did they use flash or carbon arc lamps? (Even today some photo sessions are being done with HMI lamps, because leasing them from a lighting company is less hassle than dealing with big flash systems, and one sees the result immediately when setting up the lights.) (Kai Ludwig, Germany, June 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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THE SECRET LIFE OF THE RADIO

In around 1990 channel 4 in the U.K. produced a brilliant series called the secret life of machines. One of the shows was about how radio works. This show has only ever been repeated once to my knowledge on satellite about 15 years ago.

Now it has turned up on you tube and well worth a look in 3 parts.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ehVVpY6XE4

If you have problems try it from
http://www.southhertsradio.com/video.html

I'm so glad to see it again after all this time (Gary Drew, June 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SNAKES VS ANTENNAS

I've been thinking about doing some work on my antennae this week, but last Tuesday I almost stepped on a rattlesnake in my yard, so I've been hesitant to walk around in the grass - which keeps growing thicker - making it easy for a snake to hide. So now I got a "snake in the grass" to contend with. What I put up with for this hobby! (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, June 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Chuck has been signing lately as from Montura, Florida, which is the

name of a trailer park in Clewiston (gh)

OTH RADAR ON 14, 9 MHZ IS FROM FRANCE

We had the big bandwatch lecture [with 40 participants] today morning on the German HAM RADIO fair at Friedrichshafen, which had already up to 20.000 ham interested visitors on 3 days on last June weekend, held as every year since 1948.

The broadband 150-400 kHz wide RADAR which reported lately by hams and SWL comes from Paris France area. German Frequency Control FNA-BNA informed the French authorities and is hopefully successful coming week to switch down that signal, which heard on 9-10 MHZ and on 14 MHz too. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

French OTH Radar ñ stretching over 400 kHz ñ disturbing the 20 m-band until 14100 kHz on June 25th - long lasting - parameters: 33 pulses/sec ñ location: area of Paris. The German PTT (BNetzA) undertakes steps to solve the problem. soundfile: http://www.iarums-r1.org/iarums/sound/french-oth.wav

also: 14000 ñ 14250 kHz Noise shield, daily at 0803 utc, together with DRM transmission on 13810 kHz in Portugal. The same problems are caused by the DRM transmissions on 13590 kHz! (IARUMs via B¸schel, WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DXLD)

9944: Maybe it is the centre freq for the "woody"/"woodpecker" in 31 mb. Regularly reported but mainly around 9944 as on 4/6 at 0000 UT.

OTHs which are working now are four (or more?): from Australia, Cyprus, China and Russia (Komsomolsk na Amure). The other two in Ukraine - in Chernobyl and in ? site seems are not on air (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF 2001, Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS
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REDACTED FCC INFO ON BPL INTERFERENCE

In a video made at the 2009 Dayton Hamvention, ARRL CEO Dave Sumner K1ZZ reviews redacted FCC information on BPL interference.

The YouTube description says:

ARRL CEO Dave Sumner K1ZZ reviews some of the "smoking gun" material that the FCC redacted from its public disclosure of staff and NTIA studies on the unwanted radio interference created by BPL (Broadband

over Power Lines).

A judge reviewed the material and concluded that the FCC was hiding staff reports unfavorable to its Report and Order on BPL.

The ARRL received the unredacted reports by filing a FoIA request this year (2009) after the change in presidential administrations (prior to that the FCC issued only the redacted reports).

This video is from the ARRL Forum at the 2009 Dayton Hamvention.
Watch the video
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/june2009/redacted_fcc_info_on_bpl.htm
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM see CHILE; COSTA RICA; CUBA; ITALY;
++++++++++++++++++++++++++++ RUSSIA; CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES; R.E.F.

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See also OKLAHOMA; USA
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PORTABLE DTV REVIEW

The Eviant T7 seven-inch portable TV with both ATSC and NTSC tuners received a positive review from consultant Peter Putnam at his HDTVexpert.com website. The link to the review is:
http://www.hdtvexpert.com/pages_c/Eviant_T7.html
Available as low as $119.
http://www.hdtvexpert.com/pages_c/TechTalk.html
(John F Zeis, June 29, WTFDA via DXLD)

A very interesting review to read and also a very encouraging review as to the Eviant's reception abilities, especially performing right along with the Zenith DTT901 (Steve Rich, Indianapolis, IN, ibid.)

I haven't seen the Eviant yet but I had a chance to play briefly with a similar Axion unit this afternoon (shameless plug: if you're in the Nashville area. WSMV is giving a few of these away. You have to watch our weather to know when to call).

Seemed to work OK. With the included whip antenna you could walk around the studio and the reception would stay in about 40% of the time. Once you stopped walking it would *invariably* lock in. Yes, we were right under the tower -- but the signal there is actually *less* than it would be 3-5 miles away. I'd say about half the other Nashville channels were in as well, and that without any special treatment. (I think Lisa, our meteorologist, did the channel scan & since it got us, she wasn't too careful to ensure any other stations made it!) WTVF-RF5 was missing, not a surprise among that many

computers.

Good picture. For your Canadian folks and those with LPTVs, it did also receive analog and interspersed them with the digitals. Can't be too many batteries in there as it was pretty light. Lisa is also aware of the Eviant. I have a gut feeling it's just another brand name for the Axion. -- (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, June 29, ibid.)

Digital switch --- IN FARAWAY LANDS, TV PICTURE VANISHES
Wednesday, June 24, 2009 3:10 AM
By Tim Feran THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH
http://www.columbusdispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2009/06/24/DIGITAL_CLIFF.ART_ART_06-24-09_A1_LPE97TK.html?sid=101

As a TV viewer for 57 years, Larry Reddig was looking forward to the change to digital television with enthusiasm. Reddig, who lives about 10 miles north of Newark, bought a 40-inch HDTV and set up a 60-foot antenna so that he would have a clear shot at all of his favorite Columbus stations.

What he didn't realize was that his hope of clear, worry-free TV viewing had gone off the digital cliff.

Because of the nature of digital transmission, a viewer without cable who is at the outer edge of a TV station's broadcasting "footprint" will find the digital signal either perfect or nonexistent. When the signal suddenly disappears, in industry parlance, it "falls off the cliff."

That kind of problem doesn't affect analog transmissions, which slowly deteriorate as the signal goes farther away from the transmission tower, leading to a snowy picture.

Reddig is familiar with a snowy picture -- he occasionally saw it during the old analog days. But now, "I have very unreliable reception. It's unreliable enough that programs are frequently blanked out intermittently and are unwatchable. Other times, the station is blanked out completely."

Reddig's problems weren't a surprise to area broadcasters. "Although the FCC maps show we should be gaining viewers in most areas, this is not the case," said Pat Ingram, director of engineering at WBNS-TV (Channel 10). "We are seeing a lot of cliff effect in areas 40 miles out or more where the viewer is located in valleys or behind hills."

The problem with that station's signals, in great part, "is due to the fact that WBNS is now on a UHF frequency, Channel 21," Ingram said.

"UHF does not follow curvature of the earth as well as VHF frequencies so, many of these people who had marginal signals on analog will have problems with digital."

Only WSYX-TV (Channel 6) remained VHF after the digital transition. All other local stations are on the UHF band.

Other stations are hearing from frustrated viewers, too. "I've taken two calls from viewers in a fringe area who do not receive our digital signal, even though they used to receive a snowy analog signal," said Mark Seekins, chief engineer at WWHO-TV (Channel 53). "In the case of Newark, which is on the outside edge of our grade B coverage, the surroundings, the antenna type, interior or exterior, mounting height, etc., will determine the quality of reception."

In the case of WOSU-TV (Channel 34), there's another reason for signal problems: signal strength. "Right now we're running at about 50 percent digital strength," said Dave Carwile, director of planning and initiatives at WOSU Public Media. "Hopefully by late summer, early fall, we'll be up at full power. But anybody over at Newark getting a digital signal is probably pretty lucky."

However, all stations are still working out the bugs with digital coverage, and so are viewers. "I guess it falls under the category of 'change is hard,' " said Lynn Claudy, senior vice president of science and technology for the National Association of Broadcasters. "We're in a period of transition. As most parts of the transition have been, there was no way to do a dress rehearsal. If it were just done by engineers in a back room, it would have been worked out."

Viewers in outlying areas will have to be proactive, Ingram said, especially "in getting their 25-year-old antenna systems replaced with modern antennas that are UHF-capable."

"Antenna is an important issue," said Mark Wigfield, a spokesman for the Federal Communications Commission. "You have to have both UHF and VHF. In Columbus, there's the one VHF station and the rest are now UHF. In many markets it's been a problem because ... some antennas marketed as (high-definition) didn't do well with UHF."

Ingram admits that outlying viewers don't have it easy right now, even with new antennas. "I live 25 miles out, deep in woods," he said. "I have a side-mount bar antenna on my house and receive all channels fine. But it took some work."

To address stations' problems with dead spots and weak signals, the FCC has offered broadcasters several options for restoring service. They include the use of so-called "translators" or "fill-in" stations

that operate on a different channel; use of another station's subchannel to be transmitted via multicasting; maximizing the station's power; changing the station's channel; or changing the antenna pattern.

The problem with those solutions, however, is that many of them would cost stations anywhere from hundreds of thousands to millions of dollars -- all to reach "a minuscule part of our viewing audience," Ingram said. "There are no cheap or easy answers."

Working out the kinks will take time, Claudy said, but it will happen. "There's a lot of drama. But no one wants television service to be stable more than broadcasters."

Whatever the remedy may be, Reddig observes that it is all a case of one step forward and two steps backward. "Isn't the wisdom of the FCC and modern technology wonderful? No TV for the rural folks," he said. "I guess I'll go turn on the radio, at least while the old-time analog signal for it is still available." (via Artie Bigley, DXLD) + comments

STILL NOT READY FOR DTV

The experience with transition in Memphis was an interesting one. Less than 2 hours after our last station transitioned, Memphis was hit with a massive thunderstorm, certainly the worst one we have seen since so-called "Hurricane Elvis" in 2003. The storm a couple of weeks ago caused almost 200,000 customers to lose power, and tens of thousands to lose cable TV (including Shelby County Mayor, AC Wharton, and ME).

Many in Memphis who had planned to ride out transition via Comcast were left hanging. This was complicated by the fact that the news leader here, WMC-TV, was now a low-band VHF DTV. So, even if some had signal before transition, they may not have post-transition. Still, seemingly, we all survived.

Stories like the one mentioned should be expected. But, FINALLY, we ripped the Band-Aid off analog TV. You'll hear of some pain, but we'll muddle through somehow. And, what do people expect? Do they want us to turn analog BACK ON? (Peter, N4LI Baskind, J.D., LL.M., Germantown, TN, 901-624-5295
http://applezombies.wordpress.com/ June 24, WTFDA via DXLD)

Some of the Digital signals carry very well, while others do not. I have to start checking on transmitter heights, powers and type of transmitting antenna to see if there is some type of pattern that would explain the better signal coverage by some stations. Could it be the beam tilt or the radiation type (i.e. circular, horizontal, etc.)???

The digital signals seem to react differently than the analogs to various factors: atmospheric conditions, multipath signals, leaves on the trees, rain with wind, etc. (Bob Seaman Hazleton, PA, June 25, WTFDA via DXLD)

YOUTUBE - FOX 5 WAGA TRANSITION FROM ANALOG TO DIGITAL 12:30 PM JUNE 12 2009 BY PAUL CRAM

Glenn, this item is pretty interesting, particularly to those who know or know of Paul Cram, a distinguished engineer in the SE.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8uWdm3PCAA
(Ben Dawson, WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NIGHTLIGHT UPDATES

I'm trying to maintain the NIGHTLIGHT.XLS spreadsheet available at http://www.DXFM.com as best I can. It includes the stations that I know of that were supposed to be gone by now, but aren't, like WGBH and WSIL. It also has the Duluth channel 3 that was not listed in the FCC's original nightlight list. If you use this list, and see a discrepancy, please let me know and I'll fix it (Girard Westerberg, Lexington, KY, June 28, WTFDA via DXLD)

INTERCONTINENTAL ASPECT RATIO VARIATIONS

Re 9-049: Digital TV transmissions: European SD signals are 576i, corresponding to the 576 active lines of 625/50 video. Some observers consider the quality difference between 525/60 with NTSC and 625/50 with PAL or SECAM (these two colour systems are almost on a par) as significant enough to state that the quality of PAL/SECAM and its 576i digital counterpart is in between NTSC/480i and HDTV.

The 16:10 image ratio is proprietary to the BBC and maybe the UK's commercial broadcasters, and maybe Ireland, too, seen as kind of a compromise. Anything else in Europe is either 16:9 or 4:3, the latter only in 576i and for transmission of 4:3 material, in practice either recordings from the analogue era or movies in the classical 1:1.37 format (from which the 4:3 video standard had been deriven a half century ago).

Recently we were wondering if any 480i transmissions in 16:9 exist in North America. But it seems that PBS affiliates indeed run such streams? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, June 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

IDS IN VERTICAL BLANKING INTERVAL, ANALOG ARTIFACT?

I remember a number of years ago receiving Eau Claire, WI channel 13 late one night on an old black and white Zenith set I had that still had the vertical hold control on the front of it. I was playing around with that and had the picture half rotated from a lock and discovered the stations call letters in what I think they called the vertical blanking bar which is normally not seen. I remember also seeing what appeared to be repeating coded signals in the bar also on other stations that did not have the station Id on it. Its been 42 years since I went through television receiver technology school and I do not believe that was available at that time. Can anyone shed some light on that? (Glenn Boche, South St Paul, MN, W(zero)LUS - EN34, WTFDA via DXLD)

I've seen that on CKCW-2 and WYFF-4 in the past. See... http://dxinfocentre.com/pix/4-Greenville.JPG for an example of the WYFF ID in the VBI. wrh (Bill Hepburn, Ont., ibid.) Look closely

THE CLOUDY OUTLOOK FOR VHF-DTV

The online publication tvnewsday contains a particularly astute article (and reader comments) on the problems plaguing VHF-DTV. Looking forward, VHF-DTV will take a second hit when it has trouble penetrating the small antennas inside cell phones for Mobile TV applications.

VHF-DTV currently works okay in some markets, but they appear to be the exception rather than the rule.
http://www.tvnewsday.com/articles/2009/06/26/daily.4/
(CGC Communicator June 30 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB
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UK - 70 MEGARADIOS AFFECTED BY SWITCHOVER
29 June 2009 Channel 4 News (PA)
http://www.channel4.com/news/articles/science_technology/70m+radios+affected+by+switchover/3239362

Almost 70 million radios in the UK will be affected by plans to switch all national FM stations to digital, official figures show.

Culture, Media and Sport minister Sion Simon said the latest figures from industry watchdog Ofcom showed there were 45.9 million analogue radios being used in the UK along with 22.5 million car radios.

Under proposals in the Digital Britain report published earlier this month, all national radio stations will move from FM to digital DAB format by the end of 2015.

The move follows a similar project to move television signals from analogue to digital. The figures were released in response to Liberal Democrat culture spokesman Don Foster.

Mr Simon said: "Ofcom's research in September 2008 showed that about 45.9 million analogue radio devices were in use in the UK at least once a week. "In addition, their research showed that there were about 22.5 million cars with an analogue radio." (Many people are very unhappy about this - Mike) (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD) See UK

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6 YEARS TO THE DAY - A REPEAT OF TRANSATLANTIC FM!!!!!

Hi guys, I don`t often post here but I'm sure you will all enjoy this one. Between 10 and 11 pm local time tonight (5 and 6 EST [sic; must mean 21-22 UT]) I had an MUF of at least 98.1 MHz to North America.

I have positive IDs on 94.1 WYSP Philadelphia and 97.3 WENJ "South Jersey".

I have a number of others that are going to take some detective work and I`m sure you all will be as helpful as last time.

2003's world record is out the window. This is 5000 km e skip!

I had signals from PA NJ Newfoundland and presumed RI MA MD. I have plenty of recordings and some video so stand by for some interesting stuff over the coming days. I`m off to bed; I`m exhausted (Paul Logan, Lisnaskea, Fermanagh, [Northern] Ireland, June 27, WTFDA via DXLD)

Listening Homepage: http://geocities.com/yogi540/
Photos: http://www.flickr.com/photos/radiofotos/
Video: http://www.youtube.com/user/yogi540

TA FMDX June 26th 09 - Calling for your help with IDs

Hi all, I`m sending this to both WTFDA and Skywaves in the UK so everyone can share in this outrageous reception anomaly. BTW thanks to everyone for the kind words about last night.

Things started around 10 pm local with interference to RTE1 on 88.5 (damned tropo had its signal from Dublin way up); eventually it was overtaken by an NPR station with news, after lots of little snippets of an American voice. After that I focused on a few frequencies 88.5 / 90.7 / 92.1 / 94.1 / 97.3 / 97.5 / but it was a very very strange

opening - at times I could hear nothing except ESPN on 97.3 - nothing below that. And while it was happening I was sitting there pinching myself. Other channels were open but they all sounded like soup- with nothing bubbling to the top.

Here`s some recordings to get going from last night

97.3, WENJ Millville NJ Ads_id mixing presumed WJFD New Bedford, MA Portuguese 27-06-2009_2115 UT http://www.box.net/shared/ma37v3bfhx

94.1, WYSP Philadelphia PA 26-06-2009_2111 UT http://www.box.net/shared/z21jnz4emp

92.1, CJOZ Bonavista, Newfoundland 26-06-2009_2127 utc http://www.box.net/shared/2d36nhfkm0

Anyone got any other suggestions for the Portuguese on 97.3? WJFD seems the likely candidate to me. Here are some others:

95.1, Howie Carr show at 5:15 est [sic]. I am thinking WXTK from Mass. Any other suggestions from coastal areas down to MD/DE

95.9, Classical station - was this Rhode Island?

90.7, NPR where? 90.7 Talk station YL with station ID (could I appeal to everyone to listen to this one, here`s the link - it may be one of your locals - there is a faint ID at the end of the clip so listen on headphones http://www.box.net/shared/v8xdcfvj5u)

97.3, possible jazz station

98.1, I`m fairly sure is WOCM from Selbyville DE - ad for the Steer Inn Tavern in Berlin MD

95.9, "Non stop 96 Rock" I think this is WOSC Bethany Beach DE, right?

last one is NPR on 88.5; anyone, any ideas?

I have a folder full of files needing help with identification - http://www.box.net/shared/n703eulggh all help very gratefully received on these amazing receptions. Wishing you all good DX (Paul Logan, Lisnaskea, N. Ireland, June 27, WTFDA via DXLD)

I think it's a pretty safe bet that you heard WXTK, WJFD, and WCRI.

I'm pretty sure that The Howie Carr show is only carried in the New England area, and we actually have someone that works at WXTK on this list (Hi Steve).

WJFD is probably the only commercial Portuguese station in the US, and is another of my locals.

As far as I know, WCRI is the only classical station on 95.9.

WOSC and WOCM sound like pretty safe bets too, but maybe someone else closer to those will comment. Congrats on the great catches!!!
(Jeff Lehmann, Hanson, MA, ibid.)

NPR on 88.5 is most likely WFCR Amherst, MA.
The 90.7 referencing Queens is probably WFUV New York.
WOSC 95.9 is 96 Rock, so count that one for sure.
(Adam Rivers, ibid.)

88.5 could be WXPN Philadelphia, PA - Univ. of Pennsylvania radio w/ NPR (John F. Zeis, ibid.)

In your 95.1 clip, Metro Station's "Shake Shake" is mixed in with the talk program, which matches with 95.1 WAYV Atlantic City NJ's online playlist at 5:13 PM ET yesterday. Absolutely awesome catches!
(Nick Langan, Florence, NJ, My DX page: http://www.wnjl.com/dx/ ibid.)

Hi all, well, I think I have solved the 88.5 NPR reception. I'm very sure this was WXPN in Philadelphia. Here`s the reasoning - its from the same TX site as 94.1 WYSP - also heard. And, looking at the loggings on google earth it`s right along the same very narrow reception line as WYSP and WFRU NYC that were in at the same time at the opening`s start. Amherst MA is actually north of that line and everything else heard was south of this main line. So for me that`s a bona fide logging.

The receptions of Cape Isle Of Wight, MD clock in at 3273 Miles / 5267 km. Stifle your laughter, but that`s a personal best! It`s also (as far as I know) a new world record for Sp E at Band 2, beating out 2003's reception of WFRY 97.5 by 221 miles / 355 km.

I feel very lucky and very fortunate to be part of a hobby that has so many good people in it both sides of the Atlantic who put their time and effort into the advancement and understanding of our common interest. Without the 6 meter plotters (and the internet!) and good people like those on WTFDA and Skywaves this log wouldn`t be complete or even possible! Here`s the final tally for last night. Distances are in KM. Times in UT.

88.50, 1800 AZORES RCA-R·dio Atl,ntida, Ponta Delgada smg 0.5 2300 PI:84CB PS:ATLANTDA

88.5, 2105 USA WXPN-XPN 88.5 Philadelphia/Roxborough Tower Farm PA 5146 yl with NPR ID

90.7, 2110 USA WFUV-NPR New York/Fordham University NY 50 4999 yl with news and ID

94.1, 2111 USA WYSP-Free FM Philadelphia/Roxborough Tower Farm PA 16 5146 ID and ref to "South Philly"

95.1, 2114 USA WAYV Atlantic City NJ 50 5144 rock mx fitting their online playlist

95.1, 2116 USA WXTK West Yarmouth MA 50 4711 Howie Carr talk show

97.3, 2116 USA WENJ FM Millville NJ 50 5169 Ads and id as 97.3 ESPN South Jersey

97.3, 2117 USA WJFD-FM New Bedford MA 50 4751 Portuguese
95.9, 2120 USA WOSC Cape Isle Of Wight MD 10.5 5260 "Non stop 96 Rock"
95.9, 2120 USA WCRI-Classical 95.9 Block Island RI 6 4829 classical music
98.1, 2125 USA WOCM Cape Isle Of Wight MD 3 5260 ad for the steer inn tavern Berlin md
92.1, 2127 CAN CJOZ-OZ FM Bonavista NF 6.7 3165 ads for Bonavista
Regards to all and good DX (Paul Logan, Lisnaskea, N. Ireland, June 27, ibid.)

Paul, WAMU in Washington is also a possibility on 88.5, maybe even a better one than WXPN. WXPN doesn't play a lot of NPR programming (except maybe the top-of-hour newscasts) as it is heavy on the music, while WAMU is all NPR. But WXPN is more in your "skip zone" although Washington is probably in your "line of sight"- and you had lower Delaware stations in as well, so it's possible (John Cereghin, ibid.)

Truly awesome, Paul!!! VHF-Lo is one thing, but FM is amazing! We need to try harder at this end. Watertown NY (from your last foray) is only 200 miles from me. I hardly ever point my antenna east. I did today and managed to see WGBH-TV Boston at 426 miles, indicating the MUF was probably to the top of FM and beyond in that direction (just nothing there at the 1st skip point but empty ocean). I think 87.5, 87.6 or 87.9 might be my best bet as the band is so crowded here (Bill Hepburn, Ont., ex-Glasgow, Scotland, ibid.)

Hi all, Pass on my congratulations to Paul on his monumental DX. What's even more impressive is that some of his stations aren't all that high powered. For example, WYSP in Philly is only 9.6 kW ERP according to Radio Locator
http://www.radio-locator.com/cgi-bin/finder?sr=Y&call=WYSP

One would think 3Es at 90 MHz would work best with txs >100 kW, similar to long haul As.

PS- both WFUV (90.7) and WXPN (88.5) are predominantly music stations, but take NPR news. I have listened to both via internet streaming (William Renton, ICDX yg via Curtis Sadowski, WTFDA via DXLD)

During the big opening to the northeast USA from here on Friday, DXers in that end were reporting Newfoundland strong at the same time. I parked the Sony XDR-F1HD on 92.3 for 38 minutes in hopes of catching "Oz FM". After reviewing the audios, a mess of stations with the likes of WMME Maine, WPRO Rholde Island, WXRK New York, WFLY New York, WERQ Maryland and WGXL New Hampshire were ID'ed but no "Oz FM" was heard.

I was going to toss the audio recording but Steve K3PHL alerted me to the playlist that Oz FM keeps for a week. So I went over the audio again more closely and just before the 1 hop Es started up big, in fades weak Newfoundland news and a few minutes later about 6 seconds of music that matches the playlist. The two and a half hour time difference factored in. Again 30 minutes later Steve heard in my audio, which I uploaded for examination, a brief fade up of a BeyoncÈ song that Oz was also playing at the time. Steve happened to be recording 92.3 Oz FM at that moment too and confirms. This was about the same time Paul Logan in Ireland received Canada and USA signals. While Paul`s receptions put mine to shame, it's the furthest FM Es that I can say I've heard but I'll take it! All the detail and audio here: http://www.wtfda.info/showthread.php?p=8589#post8589
73, (Randy KW4RZ Zerr, Fort Walton Beach, FL (northwest panhandle) EM60qk http://www.geocities.com/kw4rz ibid.)

Calling for your help possible reception of 90.7 WVAS Alabama in Ireland 06-26-09

Hi folks, First off, many many thanks to all the kind words sent my way and help offered by WTFDA members regarding the insane reception of Friday night.

If? I could ask another favor, particularly of members in the south eastern US. I think there is a possibility that 90.7 WVAS Montgomery AL was heard here Friday night.

This is mind blowing stuff? Here`s what I received from Nick Langan in NJ this morning: (a fine piece of DX detective work!)

``Also wanted to mention, listening to your a90.7_26-06-2009 unID npr.mp3 clip, I happen to know the Smooth/Contemporary Jazz format very well, and in the clip, especially near :11 seconds, I hear a few notes of a current Smooth Jazz song, "Tijuana Dance" from Rick Braun.

There are not many stations around still playing Smooth Jazz in the country, and this is also a song from an album not released in stores yet, meaning whomever had this song is a station that specifically plays Smooth Jazz. The only station on 90.7 that I know of that plays Smooth Jazz is WVAS in Montgomery, AL, and it would have been not out of the realm of possibility for them to have been in since we were getting stations from the gulf coast area at the same time we were getting Atlantic Canada here in NJ``

After Nick`s suggestion of WVAS I have given serious attention to my recordings of 90.7. I have a station with news at 22:05 local time that would be 4:05 pm in Montgomery. Here`s the clip. http://www.box.net/shared/l53rmdabj0

Three news items in a row are about Alabama --- First: seems to be about the projected outer loop road for Montgomery. at 4 -12 seconds then at 44 seconds the following:

Second: Governor Bob Riley? accepts the resignation of Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Director Bill Johnson
Third: the news that the City Stages three day concert in Birmingham AL will not return in 2010.

At 2210 local there is jazz mixing on 90.7 and on another recording from much later at 2234 there is jazz mixing with another NPR station with a show about Michael Jackson.

If this turns out to be correct - and it`s looking very possible - the distance would be an outrageous 4011 miles / 6456 km (This would have to be four hops)

Does anyone recognize the newsreader on the recording as being from WVAS ?? http://www.box.net/shared/l53rmdabj0

I will be contacting them later but throwing this out to you guys first. Regards and here`s in hoping, (Paul Logan, Lisnaskea, N. Ireland, ibid.)

Keep in mind that Randy Zerr in Ft Walton Beach FL had OZ from Nfld., on 92.3, around that time. I'll save mind blowing for my cocaine habit but this does rank a very close second.

From Burnt River Ontario, just north of Toronto, I was getting MD and VA and NC down to FL and AL at the time, and the cloud soon shifted to TX. NS was also in there at times. I am wondering what I missed when the opening started - I missed that part.

I'd like to buy land where we do our AM DXpedition on the Avalon

Peninsula of Nfld., and be there for the summer skip season, pointed anywhere East (and South). Bet Europe, from there (no real locals to speak of on FM) and it's location right on the southwest tip would be a fairly common occurrence on TV and even a few times a summer on FM.

Paul, what kind of place are you DXing from - a magic land where the dial is empty, or the same old dial as the rest of us? Our friends in your target area of coastal NA have a very crowded dial. Is there any kind of reliable online pan-European list of FM stations? (Saul Chernos, Ont., June 29, ibid.) See PUBLICATIONS

Hi Doug, many thanks for your very detailed helpful input. After all of this, if it isn`t WVAS, then I'm stumped. The inclusion of AL specific items seems to swing things, but with such a reception it would be nice to be 100% certain.

I called the station Program Director Mel Marshall who confirmed that they have 2 minutes of NPR on the hour followed by about five minutes of local news at 4 pm. He was kind of in disbelief about the whole thing but then who would blame him!

I have sent him a recording asking for him to confirm if the newsreader is one of his people, but nothing back. Failing a response I'm going to listen to their webstream tonight to see if the same voice is doing the news. They have a number of part time announcers as well as full time staff so hopefully it will be a regular.

If it isn`t WVAS. then I think it will be worthwhile pursuing this one as its likely from the content to be something that may well be a world record. Fingers crossed (Paul Logan, Lisnaskea, N. Ireland, ibid.)

I had noted the new items about Alabama on that clip also. Since I did not connect the jazz with the Alabama station, I couldn't make a determination in my mind as to which 90.7 you might have heard, as such items could come from a station located in an adjacent state but near the border - GA, FL, MS & TN could qualify.

The question in my mind remains how strongly is the jazz programming tied to the Alabama news items - if at all other than being on the same frequency? And BTW, that distance could be 3x, IMO (Russ Edmunds, WB2BJH, Blue Bell, PA, ibid.)

Hi guys, one more recording to listen to - this is my recording of the station on 90.7 with local Alabama news against a recording just made of WVAS newsreader Marcus Hyles from their webstream. I`m convinced!.

This is 4011 mile E skip - major thanks go to Mr Langan in NJ for

making me look at the recording again. Could I get a few independent views on the voice on the recording matching? Here`s the link
http://www.box.net/shared/7kab0cnu0d
Regards for now (Paul Logan, Lisnaskea, N. Ireland, ibid.)

It looks as though a new trans-Atlantic record for FM may have been set with the reception of 90.7 WVAS Montgomery Alabama in Ireland on 26-06-2009; a link to the logging is here:
http://www.box.net/shared/l53rmdabj0
(Paul, Christchurch, NZ, mwdx yg via DXLD)

I had a listen to Paul's mp3 TA US 90.7 MHz FM DX recording. Here is what I could make out:

0052: "Bill Johnson has resigned as director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to pursue a Republican campaign for governor."

"Johnson was appointed to the Cabinet post by Gov. Bob Riley. Johnson said the governor had given him until Friday to make up his mind about the governor's race, and he decided to jump in. Johnson says he will hold a formal campaign kickoff in a few weeks."

See: WHNT-19 News Huntsville, Alabama:
http://www.whnt.com/news/sns-ap-al--johnson-governor,0,7794322.story
(Todd Emslie, Australia, ICDX via Curtis Sadowski, IL, WTFDA via DXLD)

Hi Curtis, yes, Todd came up with some of the same conclusions as myself. On my recording of 90.7 there is also reference to the City Stages event in Birmingham AL and a reference to the proposed Montgomery outer loop.

Yesterday I confirmed vis the WVAS webstream that the voice I have on tape is Marcus Hyles, their afternoon newsreader.

Someone deserving a LOT of credit on the identification of WVAS is Nick Langan in New Jersey who emailed me prompting a fresh look at the recording. Without him I may never have worked out what that station on the tape was. He is a credit to your fine group (Paul Logan, Lisnaskea, N. Ireland, ibid.)

Re: [Tvfmdx] Do North American FM stations QSL?

Paul, My name is Steve "McVie" Solomon. I am not only a proud member of the Worldwide TV FM DX Association, but I am also the Operations Manager of WXTK 95.1 in West Yarmouth, MA. The studios are in Hyannis, MA and our tower site is by the beach in West Yarmouth.

We indeed air the Howie Carr show between 3P- and 7P weekdays. I don't believe there are any other affiliates of Howie Carr on 95.1 FM. His show originates from 680AM WRKO Boston and is on only a handful of stations in New England. Many are on AM. I do know he is on a 103.9 FM in Maine.

I'm pretty sure you indeed received our station. I would love to get a copy if you made any recordings and the exact mileage from your location as this will be a quite exciting piece of news for the whole staff of the station. I will send you the logo of the station in a separate E-mail.

(Steve McVie Solomon
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DX signature:
Steve Solomon
Yarmouthport, MA
FM: T-85 w/ 5 110khz SNR filters
APS-13 @ 30ft
30" Zenith console TV (circa 1988)
CM4228 UHF @ 30 feet.
RCA DTV tuner, ibid.)

Hi to Steve McVie Solomon re WXTK / More info about 06-26

Hi Steve, first off many thanks for your message, great to hear from you. I'm a long time radio enthusiast living here in the county of Fermanagh in north western [Northern] Ireland about 30 miles in from the sea. I discovered FM DX around 1983 and have been addicted since. Incidentally the place names in your area are all very familiar to me - I used to hear your emergency services on 33 MHz like locals back at the top of the last solar cycle.

According to wikipedia Howie Carr's show is aired by ten stations but as you say the only one on 95.1 is WXTK. I was/am absolutely thrilled to receive your station and get to work out where the signal originated.

The distance from the base of your tower in West Yarmouth to my location is 2931.66 miles lets call it an even 2932! That`s 4718 km. I guess that`s slightly outside your intended coverage area!

Here`s my recording of WXTK you can download it or listen to it at this link: http://www.box.net/shared/vyt3dc2ulh

This is from 06-26-09 @ 5:15 pm eastern.

Howie Carr fades up after 17 seconds - this is an unedited recording of what was being heard and what I was doing ! So you will hear me change frequency and come back to 95.1. At 1 min 45 secs you hear Carr talking about his show and that`s the main body of the recording from then on, with references to the "chump line" etc.

While all this was happening I was shaking like a leaf - and that`s not an exaggeration.

The opening which produced this reception had been building all Friday night here. From 6 pm local on I heard the Azores a couple of times on 88.5 and then later a full on 6 metre opening took place which has been described by one local "big gun" amateur GI6ATZ as the biggest such event he has ever taken part in! By 10 pm local the online plots for 6 metre contacts at 50 MHz were an enormous sea of red across the north Atlantic.

At this point I was watching the rise of the MUF on my Icom ICR7100 receiver I was hearing carrier tones from TV channels A2, A3, A4, and then A5. At this point I started paying very close attention to my lowest "open" north American channel - 88.5.

I had witnessed a similar event in 2003 coincidentally on the same date 06-26 but nothing really prepared me for last Friday night. Within a few minutes of hearing A5 carriers I started to hear something mixing with semi local RTE1 from the Dublin area. And just after 10 pm an NPR news story about Michael Jackson faded over RTE (The Irish national broadcaster).

I knew I was in business - after six years of waiting. When I say waiting, I mean hundreds of hours spent watching 6 metre maps, begging the MUF to rise further than the reasonably common A2 carriers which I receive here from time to time during e skip season.

All the channels open TA sounded like soup.

In all Id say that such an opening has ALMOST happened perhaps half a dozen times since 2003. I really didn`t expect it to happen last Friday, and here`s why - The TV carriers were not as loud as they have been in the past. However this may have been because less of them were there due to the analog switch off! We are losing (this end anyway)one of the best indicators of rising MUF to North America.

Steve, based on these details would you be kind enough to confirm the reception to me in writing? I can contact you offlist.

Tell everyone at WXTK that east of Cape Cod you have gained a new listener, I just wish I could hear you guys more often! Regards and best wishes for now (Paul Logan, Lisnaskea, N. Ireland, ibid.)

SPORADIC E AND TROPO INFO FOR NEWBIE FM DXERS

On Es http://www.amfmdx.net/propagation/Es.html
Es distances http://www.geocities.com/toddemslie/Es_distances.html
Trop ducting forecast E NAm http://www.dxinfocentre.com/tropo.html
Trop ducting forecast W NAm http://www.dxinfocentre.com/tropo_wam.html
Trop explained http://www.dxinfocentre.com/propagation/tr-modes.htm
(KEVIN Redding, TN, June 28, ABDX via DXLD)

SPACE WEATHER / RADIO PROPAGATION PODCAST

eHam.net By Tomas David Hood June 27, 2009

Tomas David Hood, NW7US, the current contributing editor for the propagation columns in CQ Magazine, Popular Communications Magazine, and CQ VHF Magazine, is launching a new podcast service, the 'NW7US Space Weather and Radio Propagation Podcast'. The debut of the podcast launches in July, 2009, just as the new solar cycle, Sunspot Cycle 24, shows signs of "waking up."

NW7US is producing the regular podcast that delves into the science of space weather and radio frequency propagation. The educational podcast also features information on current geomagnetic and solar events in space weather as they relate to the propagation of radio transmissions. Tomas will interview leading solar scientists, forecasters, and knowledgeable individuals in the amateur radio, shortwave radio, and broadcast engineering fields. Timely news updates and editorials will also be included in the podcasts.

Full details on the NW7US Space Weather and Radio Propagation Podcast may be found at http://podcast.hfradio.org/ Tomas provides an online forum for question submission and podcast discussion at http://hfradio.org/forums/ http://www.eham.net/forums/Misc/9767
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

Geomagnetic field activity was at predominantly quiet levels during 22 - 23 June. Field activity increased to quiet to active conditions late on 23 June and persisted through 24 June due to a coronal hole high-speed stream (CH HSS). During this period, an isolated period of minor storm levels was observed at high latitudes. Solar wind densities at ACE began to rise at 22/2333Z, increasing from 1 p/cc to a maximum of approximately 17 p/cc at 23/2045Z. ACE solar wind observations showed a period of sustained southward IMF Bz between 23/1912Z and 24/2234Z

(minimum of -20 nT / maximum of +20 nT). Solar wind velocities increased from 247 km/s (at 24/0656Z) to a maximum of 508 km/s (at 24/2112Z). Velocities gradually decreased to 366 km/s at 27/1034Z. Velocities increased again to 450 km/s at 28/2050Z. Bz reached a minimum of -12 nT at 28/1917Z, and the density reached a maximum of 28 p/cc at 28/1603Z. Geomagnetic field activity decreased to predominantly quiet conditions during 25 - 28 June. Isolated unsettled to active periods were observed late on 28 June due to a CH HSS.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 01 - 27 JULY 2009

Solar activity is expected to be very low. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal flux levels. Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet levels, with isolated unsettled conditions possible during 01 - 02 July due to the continuing effects from the current CH HSS. Predominantly quiet conditions are expected during 03 - 20 July. Quiet to unsettled conditions, with isolated active periods at high latitudes, are expected on 21 July due to a recurrent CH HSS. Predominantly quiet conditions are expected during 22 - 24 July. Activity is expected to increase to quiet to isolated unsettled levels on 25 July. Predominantly quiet conditions are expected during 26-27 July.

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2009 Jul 02	70	8	3
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2009 Jul 04	70	5	2
2009 Jul 05	70	5	2
2009 Jul 06	70	5	2
2009 Jul 07	70	5	2
2009 Jul 08	70	5	2
2009 Jul 09	70	5	2
2009 Jul 10	70	5	2
2009 Jul 11	69	5	2
2009 Jul 12	69	5	2

2009 Jul 13	68	5	2
2009 Jul 14	68	5	2
2009 Jul 15	68	5	2
2009 Jul 16	68	5	2
2009 Jul 17	68	5	2
2009 Jul 18	68	5	2
2009 Jul 19	68	5	2
2009 Jul 20	68	5	2
2009 Jul 21	68	10	4
2009 Jul 22	68	5	2
2009 Jul 23	68	5	2
2009 Jul 24	68	5	2
2009 Jul 25	68	8	3
2009 Jul 26	68	5	2
2009 Jul 27	68	5	2

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1467, DXLD) ####